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Read the paragraph and choose the main idea.

1. Fears are common in early childhood. Many 2-4-year-old are afraid of animals, especially dogs. By 6 years old, children are more likely to be afraid of the dark. Other common fears are of thunderstorm, doctors, and imaginary creatures.

The main idea of this paragraph is:

- a) Fears are common in early childhood.
 - b) Many 2- to 4-year-old are afraid of animals, especially dogs.
 - c) By 6 years, children are more likely to be afraid of the dark.
 - d) Kids are afraid of a lot of things when they are little.
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2. Juan loves to play games. His favorite game is chess because it requires a great deal of thought. Juan also likes to play less demanding board games. He prefers Monopoly because it requires luck and skill. If he is alone, he likes to play action video games.
- a) Juan dislikes violence.
 - b) Juan likes to think.
 - c) Juan enjoys Monopoly.
 - d) Juan enjoys playing games.

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For each passage below, choose the main idea.

1.- I can't wait until this weekend! We're going to my grandparents' house and my entire family will be there. I will spend most of my time playing games with my cousins. We always have such a good time together! The day goes by so fast, and by the end we are all exhausted... but we still don't want to leave.	a) Weekends are times to travel. b) The writer enjoys spending time with family. c) The writer's grandparents live far away. d) The writer is sad to leave her cousins.
2.- I have a dog whose name is Paco. He is almost 10 years old. Paco is very loveable with a brown face and short black fur. He is one of my best friends. He plays with me and goes on walks with me. I am so glad to have him around. I love him.	a) The dog's name is Paco. b) Everyone should have a dog. c) The writer's dog is an important part of his life. d) The dog is cute and sweet.
3.- The rain began early in the morning. It fell as hard drops, one after another. The sky was full of dark clouds. Thunder began and became louder. Lightning crashed every few minutes, the sky turned bright.	a) The farms needed the rain. b) The thunder hurt the people's ears. c) Lightning made the sky bright. d) The storm was very strong.