

Exercise 2

The main point in the paragraph is that a long time ago, only wealthy, powerful people ate fruit mixed with ice.

Which parts of the paragraph give this main idea? Choose the three correct options.

A history of ice cream

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