

Reading for Main Idea Exercises

1. After the hurricane, there was no water and not much food on the island. It is still very bad. Many people no longer have homes and living in schools. Others are in hospitals. We need help from other countries.

- A. The writer wants to help for his family.
- B. The writer wants to help for his country.
- C. The writer wants some food for his country

2. John never has any money. He has a good salary, but he's always borrowing money, "Where does it go?" asks his mother. "Don't ask me, says John, "All I do is buy clothes, go to the theater and eat in the restaurants".

- A. John eats in restaurants.
- B. John's mother buys clothes with his money.
- C. John uses all his money and doesn't save.

3. Erika liked the blue dress and wanted to buy it. "How much is it?" She asked. "Twenty ninety-five," said the clerk. "Oh, I don't have that much money," said Erika. "You can charge it," answered the clerk.

- A. The dress was twenty ninety-five.
- B. Erika liked the dress and wanted to buy it.
- C. Erika didn't have the money.

4. Mr. James has a financial problem. He tries to pay his bills every month. This month he paid the rent, the gas company, and the department stores. He didn't pay his electricity bill. Now Mr. James can't even watch television!

- A. Mr. James doesn't have television.
- B. Mr. James doesn't have gas.
- C. Mr. James doesn't have electricity

5. Bicycles are very popular today in many countries. Many people use bicycles for exercise. But exercise is only one of the reasons why bicycle are popular. Another reason is money. Bicycles are not expensive to buy. They do not need gas to make them go. They also are easy and cheap to fix. In cities, many people like bicycles better than cars. With a bicycle, they never have to wait in traffic. They also do not have to find a place to park. And finally, bicycles do not cause any pollution!

- A. Bicycles are better than cars.
- B. Bicycles do not cause the pollution.
- C. Bicycles are popular today for many people.

6. Louise called Mark on Saturday morning. "What are you doing tonight?" she asked. Mark said, "Tom asked me to go to a baseball game with him. Do you want to come with us, too? He can bring his friend, Jack" "OK," said Louise. "I like Jack."

- A. The four friends are going to a baseball game.
- B. The two friends are going to a baseball game.
- C. Tom and Mark are going to a baseball game.

7. Eric went to a movie and enjoyed it very much. It was the story of a family with 17 children. The family sang and danced. After the movie, Eric said to his mother, "That was good. Why don't you go to see it, too?"

- A. Eric saw a movie with 17 children.
- B. Eric told his mother to see the movie.
- C. Eric saw an entertaining movie yesterday.

8. "The prices are very high in this restaurant," said Evelyn to her friend. "Don't think about the price," said Edwin. "I want you to enjoy your meal. Order anything you want from the menu. My salary is higher now, and I have a lot of money for our dinner."

- A. Evelyn and Edwin are eating in a restaurant with high prices.
- B. Evelyn can order anything she wants from the menu.
- C. Edwin has a higher salary now.