

Main Idea HW Practice 4

Directions: Read the following paragraphs and choose the best main idea for each.

Hummingbirds in Your Backyard

1 Watching hummingbirds in your backyard is fun and interesting. Their little wings make a humming sound as they flap. Zipping backwards and forwards from plant to plant, hummingbirds are amusing to watch. They love bright flowers. The birds get nectar from the flowers. Nectar is a liquid that flowers have that hummingbirds drink for food.

2 To get hummingbirds into your backyard, you can plant bright flowers and hang a hummingbird feeder on your porch. The little birds like to sip the nectar from petunias, morning glories, and other bright plants. These birds are drawn to red feeders because they love that color.



3 Making hummingbird food is easy. Put four parts water and one part sugar into the feeder. Soon, you will have hummingbirds visiting your backyard every day.

1. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?
 - A. Watching hummingbirds in your backyard is fun and interesting.
 - B. The little birds love to sip the nectar from flowers.
 - C. Making hummingbird food is easy.
 - D. Nectar is a liquid that flowers have that hummingbirds drink for food.

2. A good heading for paragraph 2 would be-
 - A. How to Attract Hummingbirds
 - B. Hummingbirds
 - C. Watching Hummingbirds
 - D. Nectar

3. What detail best fits under the heading "Watching Hummingbirds"?

- A. Put four parts water and one part sugar into the feeder.
- B. Nectar is a liquid that flowers have that hummingbirds drink for food.
- C. These birds are drawn to red feeders because they love that color.
- D. Zipping backwards and forwards from plant to plant, hummingbirds are amusing to watch.

Most people think daddy longlegs are spiders. They look alike, but they are not the same. Look closely next time you see daddy longlegs. They have only one body section, but spiders have two. When they walk, daddy longlegs use their second pair of legs to feel their way along. This is the way some insects use their antennae. Spiders do not have antennae. Some spiders have poisonous bites. Daddy longlegs cannot bite. To protect themselves, they give off a bad smell.

4. The best title for this article would be-

- A. Spiders
- B. Daddy Longlegs
- C. Daddy Longlegs or Spider?
- D. Insect Body Parts

Mount Everest Getting Smaller?

1 The world's tallest mountain is Mount Everest. It is also the hardest mountain to climb. Few people have climbed it. It has been measured many times. A new report says that the mountain is smaller than it was five years ago. Mountains are supposed to get taller over time. However, scientists are worried about Everest doing the opposite.



2 Scientists say that global warming is making it smaller. Heat and weather are changing the mountain's size. Streams of water from melting ice go down the mountain. The water wears down the mountain as it moves. Scientists do not know how much the mountain's size has changed in the last five years.

3 In March, scientists will climb the mountain. They will find out exactly how big it is. They will use radars and satellites to measure it. They will keep measuring the height over many years.

5. Which sentence is the best summary of paragraph 2?

- A. Scientists will keep measuring the height over many years.
- B. Scientists say that global warming is making Mount Everest smaller.
- C. The world's tallest mountain is Mount Everest.
- D. Mountains are supposed to get taller over time.

6. The article was mostly about-

- A. Climbing Mount Everest.
- B. Global warming is melting ice.
- C. Global warming is making Mount Everest smaller.
- D. Scientists will use satellites to measure Mount Everest.