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Main Idea

Read the paragraphs below. Choose the statement that tells the main idea.

1. Mushrooms don't grow on trees. If you see mushroom stuck between the branches, you know they were put there. Most likely it was the work of a red squirrel. Red squirrels like mushrooms. They like to put them in trees. Then they have food to eat in the winter.

This story mainly tells...

a. Why there are mushrooms in trees

b. Why squirrels like mushrooms

c. Where to grow mushrooms

2. It's a salty world in which we live. There is salt in the ocean. There is salt in the earth. There is salt inside you-in your blood, in your sweat, and even in your tears. It's a good thing too. Without salt you couldn't live.

This story mainly tells...

a. How salty the world is

b. What salt is like

c. Why people use salt

3. Do you know why snakes stick out their tongues? They use their tongues to pick up smells and to feel things. The snake's tongue is not a stinger as many people think. The snake is just touch and smelling the world with it.

This story mainly tells...

a. Why snakes bite people

b. Why snakes stick out their tongues

c. What snakes eat

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4. Children of long ago had many toys. They used sticks, seeds, twigs, cones, rocks, and shells. They used anything they found around them. They had just as much fun as the children of today have with the toys they get from the stores. Best of all, the toys were free.

This story mainly tells…

a. How much toys cost

b. Where children bought their toys a long time ago

c. What the toys of long ago were like

5. How tall are you? When you rise in the morning, you might be a half inch taller than when you went to bed the night before. If you go into space, you might return to Earth one and one-half inches taller than you were when you began your spaceflight.

This story mainly tells…

a. How your size changes

b. What to eat to grow tall

c. Why you get shorter when you sleep

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