



NUMBER THE STARS

Chapters 7-9

Getting the Main Idea

Read each of the following paragraphs. Then read the four sentences below each paragraph. Choose the sentence that best states the main idea of the paragraph. Then neatly copy that sentence on the line provided.

a. Ellen told Annemarie how much she loved the farmhouse and the meadows where Henrik lived. The scene was part of Annemarie's childhood, and she didn't usually pay much attention to how beautiful it was. But now she looked at everything in a new way and realized that Ellen was right. It was a beautiful place.

1. Ellen liked visiting Annemarie's uncle.
2. Ellen made Annemarie realize how special the farmhouse was.
3. Annemarie had spent her childhood at the farmhouse.
4. Annemarie realized that Ellen was right.

b. Annemarie listened to her mother and her uncle talking in the kitchen. For a moment, it seemed like her long-ago visits to the farm, with the children in bed upstairs and the adults downstairs talking and laughing. But Annemarie knew that this visit was different—this time no one was laughing.

1. Annemarie's mother and uncle were talking in the kitchen.
2. No one was laughing.
3. At the farm, the children slept upstairs.
4. This visit to the farm was different from most visits.

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C. When Uncle Henrik talked about going fishing the next day, Annemarie recognized the odd phrase he used. Papa had said the same thing on the telephone. Annemarie wasn't sure what the words meant, but she knew Uncle Henrik wasn't really talking about going fishing. She sat under the apple tree and watched her uncle carefully.

1. Annemarie knew that her uncle wasn't really talking about fishing.
2. Annemarie liked to watch her uncle.
3. Uncle Henrik talked just like Annemarie's father did.
4. Uncle Henrik was going fishing the next day.

d. Annemarie had always loved hearing stories about her mother's childhood. She remembered the names of all the cousins, aunts, and uncles that her mother talked about. But she had never heard of Great-aunt Birte before. She was sure that Great-aunt Birte didn't really exist.

1. Annemarie loved hearing stories about her family.
2. Annemarie's mother told wonderful stories.
3. Annemarie realized that Great-aunt Birte wasn't a real person.
4. Annemarie had many cousins, aunts, and uncles.
