

Name: _____

Main Idea & Supporting Details



Read each paragraph carefully, then choose the sentence that tells the main idea.

1. Kail loves to play games. His favorite game is chess because it requires a great deal of thought. Kail also likes to play less demanding board games that are based mostly on luck. He prefers Monopoly because it requires luck and skill. If he's alone, Kail likes to play action video games as long as they aren't too violent.

Kail dislikes violence.

Kail enjoys Monopoly.

Kail enjoys playing games.

2. Maria is watching too much television. A toddler shouldn't be spending hours staring blankly at a screen. Worse yet, some of her wild behavior has been inspired by those awful cartoons she watches. We need to spend more time reading books with her and pull the plug on the TV!

Watching a lot of television isn't good for Maria.

Some cartoons are bad for Maria.

Books are good.

3. Sometimes a person who can't have a pet, or doesn't have brothers and sisters, gets special toys to be his or her friends. A toy puppy that can bark or a soft doll to hug can be company for the person who is alone.

Why some people can't have pets

Why someone might want a special toy

What makes a toy puppy bark

4. Mushrooms don't grow on trees. If you see mushrooms 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.

Why there are mushrooms in trees

Why squirrels like mushrooms

Where to grow mushrooms