

RI 4.2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

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Mount Everest Getting Smaller?

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 5 years ago. Mountains are supposed to get taller over time. However, scientists are worried about Everest doing the opposite. Heat and the 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 5 years.

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.

Scientists are worried about Mount Everest getting smaller. Which statement supports this idea?

- A. Ice melts into water and runs down the mountain in streams.
- B. Few people have climbed Everest because it is very high.
- C. Water picks up dirt and breaks down the mountain as it moves.
- D. They are going to measure the height of Everest many times.



Riding in a hot air balloon is an exciting way to travel. Passengers climb into a basket that is attached to a huge balloon with cables. The balloon is filled with hot air. The burning gas and heat inside the huge balloon make it lighter than the surrounding air. The balloon rises and lifts the passengers into the sky. The pilot does not know where the balloon will go. It floats gently in the direction the wind blows. The passengers enjoy a fun ride with a terrific view of the land and water below them. When the pilot is ready to land, he or she lets the air cool inside the balloon. The balloon starts to become heavier and begins going back down to land. A group on the ground follows the balloon in a car and watches where it lands. Part of the excitement is that no one knows exactly where a hot air balloon will land.

The main idea of this passage is

- A. traveling in a hot air balloon is exciting.
- B. hot air balloon passengers ride in baskets.
- C. groups of people follow balloons in cars.
- D. hot air balloons are lifted by hot air.