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## Finding the Main Idea

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Read each paragraph and choose the main idea.

Although many people think a koala is a bear, it is not. The koala is a type of mammal called a marsupial. A kangaroo is also a marsupial. These mammals carry their babies in a pouch. The kangaroo's pouch is on her stomach, but the koala's pouch is on her back. Both feed their babies milk and keep them secure in their pouch until they are strong enough to survive on their own.

The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. The koala is not a bear.
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- c. The kangaroo and koala are mostly alike but have some differences.
- d. The kangaroo and koala are exactly alike.

Lucy would never get her room clean. It looked like a tornado had hit it. She couldn't believe how much damage her friends had done. They pull everything out and didn't put anything back. Glue was spilled all over her rug, and fingernail polish was spilled on her new bedspread. They had even wiped their chocolate covered fingers on her curtains. Wow! What a mess.

The main idea of the paragraph is:

- a. There is glue on the rug.
- b. Lucy's friends are messy.
- c. A tornado hit the house.
- d. Lucy's friends ate chocolate.

Tim and his family went fishing today. They stopped on the way to the lake and bought all of their favorite snacks. When they got to the lake, they ate and then started fishing. Tim caught four fish, and his brother caught three. They laughed and gave each other a high-five every time they caught a fish. The whole family had a great time. Maybe they would go fishing again soon.

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