
Subject: English Language Arts

Level: Standard Three

Strand: Reading – Comprehension Skills

Topic: Main Idea

Key Point: The most important point in a message is called the main idea.



INSTRUCTIONS: Read each story carefully. Then, read the three options. Select the best title for each story and circle your answer. One has been done for you.

1. A house stood on the side of a mountain. It belonged to a man named Jerome Kildare. Jerome liked being alone. There were no other houses in the neighbourhood.

Which of the following is the MOST suitable title for the story?

- (a) Jerome Kildare's Home
- (b) A Busy Neighbourhood
- (c) No Room for Jerome

2. Mr. Bell did not like anything about the hotel room. He said the bed was too hard and the chair too soft. He said the faucet dripped and the desk drawers stuck.

Which of the following is the MOST suitable title for the story?

- (a) Mr. Bell's Neighbourhood
- (b) Mr. Bell's Hotel
- (c) A Grouch for a Guest

3. A lady was talking to a storekeeper. She had ordered a new desk. When it arrived, the desk had no drawers. She was demanding that the drawers be found.

Which of the following is the MOST suitable title for the story?

- (a) Jerome's Store
- (b) A Grouch Helps Out
- (c) The Missing Drawers

4. One day Jerome Kildare had a visitor. The visitor wanted some food. He wanted the eggs that Jerome was eating. He wanted the best meat in the house, too.

Which of the following is the MOST suitable title for the story?

- (a) Food for Jerome
- (b) A Demanding Visitor
- (c) The New Neighbourhood

5. Dennis lived next door to a man who was always cross. The man did not like noise and was always demanding that the children play quietly.

Which of the following is the MOST suitable title for the story?

- (a) Dennis Helps a Neighbour
- (b) A Favourite Friend
- (c) The Neighbourhood Grouch

6. Jean lived on a street lined with apartments and houses. A school was on one corner next to a store. A grumpy man known as the grouch owned the store.

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- (a) Jean and Jerome
- (b) Jean's Neighbourhood
- (c) Jean Makes Demands

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