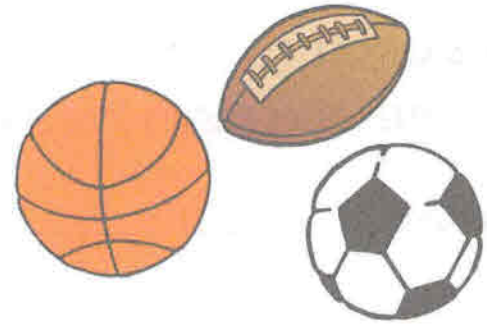


Lesson 14 Find the Main Idea

The main idea of a paragraph is what the paragraph is all about.

Read the paragraph and decide what it is about. Then, circle your choice below.



Which game is older, basketball or football? Both of these games are more than 100 years old, but football, as we know it, got started about 15 years before basketball did. Soccer beats both of them, however. Soccer rules were first published in 1863, about 12 years before football's first game took place.

Football is older than basketball.

Soccer is the oldest game of all the sporting events.

The games we play have been around for many years.

Now, read this paragraph. What is its main idea? Circle your choice below.

I was up before 6 o'clock. I washed up and got dressed. Then, I set out breakfast for the whole family. By the time they got up, I had already eaten. I brushed my teeth and put my backpack on. Then, I sat on the front step. It was the first day of school, and the bus would not come for another hour.

I got ready for school early.

I made breakfast for my family.

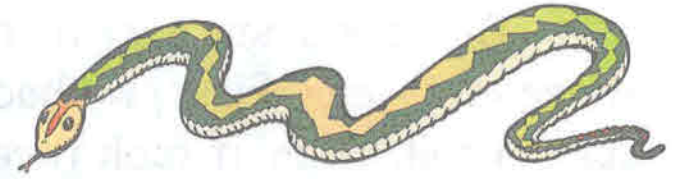
I always brush my teeth after breakfast.



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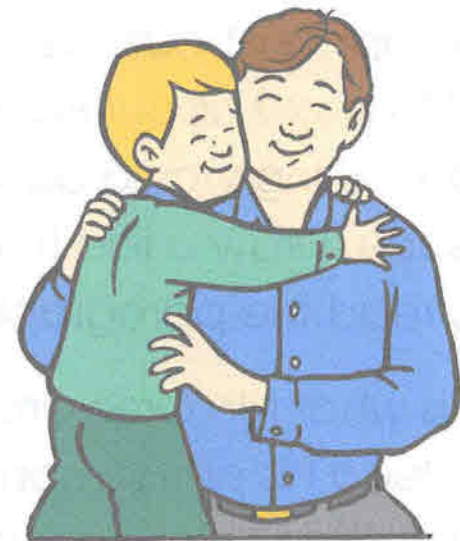
Read each paragraph. Then, answer the question.

Snakes are interesting animals. They do not have any legs, so they move around by wiggling their entire body. They also do not have eyelids, so their eyes are always open. Most snakes can also swallow things that are bigger than their heads. These features and more make snakes interesting animals.



What is the paragraph's main idea? Write it in a sentence.

Getting lost in a crowd can be frightening. It is only natural for a child to want to look around for the person he or she was with. But wandering around is not safe. The child should stay in one place and wait. That way, the parents will be able to find the child. Parents should teach this as early as possible.



What is the paragraph's main idea? Write it in a sentence.
