



Main Idea & Supporting Details

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 1

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- C) Sam eats lunch.
- D) Sam plays outside.

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- A) Leaves fall from trees.
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3. Lily loves to read. She goes to the library every week. She reads before bed. Which is a supporting detail?

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- C) Tom got ready for the rain.
- D) Tom went to school.

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