

Read each paragraph. Then, complete each sentence.

A city has many people in it. They live close together. They go to work. They go to school. They buy things.

Main Idea: Cities have many **1** living in them.

Support: People in cities **2** close together.

Support: In cities, people **3** and go to school.

In a city, many things go on all the time. Cars and buses drive down the streets. People walk fast. There is a lot of noise.

Main Idea: In cities, many **4** are going on all the time.

Support: It is **5** on city streets.

Support: People walk **6** on city streets.



City streets are busy. They need to be safe for cars and walkers. Who makes sure the city streets get what they need? Some people do special jobs to keep city streets safe.

Main Idea: Some people have **7** jobs to keep streets safe.

Support: People in cities need **8** streets to drive and walk on.

Support: City streets are very **9**.

City streets need special care. All those cars and buses wear streets out. Streets become rough. City workers make the streets smooth again.

Main Idea: City streets need special **10**.

Support: Cars and buses make streets **11**.

Support: City workers make streets **12** again.

Tip

The **main idea** of a paragraph is its most important idea. It might be at the beginning or at the end of a paragraph.

A	B	C	D	E	F
live	fast	noisy	rough	people	things
safe	smooth	work	busy	care	special
G	H	I	J	K	L

Objective: Identify the main idea of a piece of text.

