



Read each paragraph. Choose the sentence that tells what each paragraph is about.

- 1** People like to go to parades. Parades are fun to watch. They also are fun for the people who march in them.
- 2** Many parades happen on holidays. Other parades are held to thank famous people. Some parades take place after a sports team wins a big game.
- 3** No one knows who held the first parade. Many, many years ago, people held special walks to honor the Sun and the Moon.
- 4** A neighborhood can have its own parade. Small towns have parades. Big cities have them, too.
- 5** Many parades have music. Special marchers use musical instruments to play songs. They beat drums and blow horns. They walk in lines as they go.
- 6** Some marchers in the parade wear funny clothes. They do funny things as they walk. They make the parade watchers laugh.
- 7** When a circus comes to town, elephants walk down the street. Circus people ride horses. Monkeys do special tricks.
- 8** People make up most of a parade. But sometimes cars and fire trucks take part. Huge balloons might float overhead, too.



9 It is important to have a plan for a parade. How many people will march? Who will come down the street first? Who will come next? The plan takes a while to figure out.

10 People can watch a parade at home. They can watch it on television. They can even see it on an electronic device.

11 Today, parades are bigger and better than ever. They can last many hours and stretch for over a mile.

12 A parade can be as big or as small as people want it to be. Two friends can dress up. They can march around holding flags. They don't have to wait for a special day to do it!

Tip

When you read, think about the **key idea** of each paragraph. Each paragraph should focus on a different idea.



A	B	C	D	E	F
People can make a parade any time.	People and other things are part of a parade.	Parades have grown over time.	Bands play in parades.	Animals can march in parades.	You don't have to be at a parade to see it.
Some parades have clowns.	Parades happen for a reason.	Parades have a long history.	Parades take a lot of planning.	Parades happen everywhere.	Many people like parades.
G	H	I	J	K	L

Objective: Identify the focus of specific paragraphs in a text.

