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UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEA



The main idea of a story is what the story is about. To find the main idea, ask yourself, "What was this story about?" Sometimes the author will state the main idea. Sometimes you have to figure it out for yourself.

READ THE STORY BELOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

Mom and I go to the mall on Saturday. I like to go to the pet store. They have puppies, dogs, birds, and fish in the pet store. The puppies are so fun to play with. I like to see the birds and fish. It is fun to go to the pet store.

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. The puppies are funny.
 - b. We go to the mall on Saturday.
 - c. It is fun to go to the pet store.
 - d. Some of the birds can talk.

2. Was the main idea stated in this story?
