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Finding Main Idea

1. When summarizing the implied main idea, a reader must include the minor details as well as the major ones.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. What is an implied main idea?
3. How do you find the main idea that is inferred or implied?
 - a. Look in the first and last sentence.
 - b. Look at the middle content.
 - c. Eliminate answer choices.
 - d. All of the above
4. Sometimes, the main idea is stated in the topic sentence or somewhere else in the paragraph.
 - a. True
 - b. False
5. Explain how to figure out a main idea that is not clearly stated in the paragraph.
6. On Wednesday, the Senate passed a \$1.10 trillion tax cut package. This is the biggest reduction in twenty years. The measure lowers all income tax rates. The package now goes to a House-Senate conference committee. In the committee, Congressional and White House negotiators will quarrel over the size and timing of the tax cuts. In the final tally, 62 senators voted for the bill and 38 voted against it. All 10 Republicans and 12 Democrats joined in support of the package.

What is this news story mainly about?

 - a. Negotiators will argue about the timing.
 - b. The vote on the tax cut was 62 to 38.
 - c. The Senate passed a large tax cut.
 - d. Taxes are way too high in America.

7. The city of Irving, Texas, has long been known as a middle-class white suburb of Dallas. One of the world's largest companies, ExxonMobil, has its corporate headquarters there. For more than 37 years it was home to the Dallas Cowboys professional football team. Football is a real passion for many Texans. Driving into Irving from the east, you're greeted by the town's most famous building: the white-domed Texas Stadium with the big hole in its roof. Until 2010, it was where the Cowboys played their home games. The Cowboys have now moved to a neighboring city, where a larger stadium was built. The Cowboys won five Super Bowl titles while based in Irving.

However, Irving is changing fast. The Cowboys have moved out, and Texas Stadium will be torn down. The ethnic makeup of the city is also changing. According to the most recent census data, Latinos made up 41