

Remember: The main idea of a paragraph is what the paragraph is **mostly** about.

Read each paragraph, and then write down the main idea is of each.

- 1) Many people are afraid of spiders. But spiders can be very helpful. For one thing, spiders are predators and feed on insects. They can help reduce pests from your home or garden. They also get rid of annoying insects such as mosquitoes.

What is the main idea of this paragraph? _____

- 2) Yesterday was my birthday. When I woke up and went out to the kitchen, nobody said anything. There were no presents, no songs, and nobody even wished me a good morning. Even my classmates at school seemed to have forgotten.

What is the main idea of this paragraph? _____

- 3) Have you ever wanted to build a treehouse? It can be very difficult. To begin with, you must make sure and find a sturdy tree. If you cut the boards the wrong length, they won't fit together properly. And putting everything in place is hard because you have to stand on a ladder.

What is the main idea of this paragraph? _____
