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Read Between the Lines

Directions: You're a **clue detective**! Read each paragraph carefully. The author **didn't tell you the main idea directly**-but the clues are there! Based on the details, **write the implied main idea in your own words** in the space provided.



Paragraph 1: Emma set a timer on her phone and closed all other apps. She gathered her notebooks, filled her water bottle, and made sure she had snacks nearby. Then she sat down, opened her laptop, and started working on her science project.

What's the implied main idea? _____

Paragraph 2: The lights flickered and the wind howled outside. Tree branches banged against the windows, and thunder rumbled in the distance. Jake grabbed a flashlight and extra batteries just in case the power went out.

What's the implied main idea? _____

Paragraph 3: Lena rinsed the apples, peeled the bananas, and measured out the frozen berries. She added everything to the blender, poured in some yogurt, and pushed the "smoothie" button. A moment later, she was sipping a cold, sweet drink.

What's the implied main idea? _____

Paragraph 4: In one part of the exhibit, visitors can press buttons to hear dinosaur sounds. Another section has a sand pit where kids can dig for fossils. There are giant skeletons hanging from the ceiling and fun facts posted all around the walls.

What's the implied main idea? _____

Paragraph 5: Tom's plant started to droop and turn yellow. He realized it had been sitting in a dark corner and hadn't been watered in over a week. He moved it near a window and gave it a good drink of water. A few days later, the leaves perked up and turned green again.

What's the implied main idea? _____
