

Blurb To Main Idea Answer Key

1. **B** - The cheetah's body and speed are the focus.
2. **D** - The passage centers on the Great Wall's purpose and significance.
3. **C** - The paragraph explains bees' importance to ecosystems.
4. **A** - The paragraph discusses recycling and environmental impact.

Teacher Notes / Guide

Purpose: This activity develops **skimming fluency** by encouraging students to quickly determine the **main idea** rather than focusing on details. It helps readers recognize patterns of organization and improve **reading efficiency** with informational text.

Implementation Tips:

- Give students a **2-minute timer** to skim all four blurbs and match them with main ideas.
- Encourage them to **circle clue words** that signal the topic (e.g., *speed, pollinators, recycling*).
- Discuss how the **first or last sentence** of a paragraph often provides the main idea.

Extension Ideas:

- Have students write **one supporting detail** for each main idea in their own words.
- Challenge students to create **a fifth blurb and main idea pair** to swap with a partner.
- Use this as a warm-up for nonfiction reading lessons on **summarizing** and **text structure**.