

Entrance Ticket Key

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Directions: You will be given a passage with the main idea identified. You will choose the phrases/sentences that support your understanding of the main idea. Circle or highlight the details that help you understand the main idea.

The **main idea** of this passage is that dogs are useful.

Dogs are an animal that can be used in many ways. Many dogs are friendly and some dogs are mean. How could either type of dog be useful? Friendly dogs can be used as pets. Many people live by themselves and are often lonely. A dog can provide companionship. Mean dogs may not seem useful. Many people are afraid of mean dogs. Mean dogs can be trained to be guard dogs.

MAIN IDEA

Dogs are an animal that can be used in many ways.

KEY DETAILS

Friendly dogs can be used as pets. Detail gives a reason why dogs are useful.
A dog can provide companionship. Companionship is important to many people.
Mean dogs can be trained to be guard dogs. Some people have or feel a need for a guard dog.

EXTRANEIOUS INFORMATION

Many dogs are friendly and some dogs are mean. Merely a statement of how dogs can be.
How could either type of dog be useful? The word *useful* is used but doesn't give a reason why.
Many people live by themselves and are often lonely. Doesn't refer to how dogs are useful but leads up to it.
Many people are afraid of mean dogs. A statement about how people may feel toward a mean dog and doesn't state anything about how a dog is useful.