BONNE TERRE PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Main Idea Assignment

Directions:  
(A) Rewrite the following paragraphs in the your copy book neatly.

(B) Read each paragraph carefully. In ONE sentence using your own words, write the main idea of the paragraph.

1. For many parents, the infant’s crying may be mainly an irritation, especially if it continues for long periods. But crying serves important functions for the child as well as the parents. For the child, crying helps improve lung capacity and the respiratory system. Perhaps more important the cry serves as a signal of distress. When babies cry, they indicate that they are hungry or in pain, and this is important information for parents.
2. Mervin could not sleep. Every time he opened his eyes, the hands on the clock seemed to be in exactly the same place. Excitement was building up and he could hardly wait for morning. He was sure that he would get the video game that he had been asking for all year. He knew that there would be lots of presents under the tree but it was the thought of the video game that kept him awake. Mervin tossed and turned and looked at the clock again. He felt that he would die of impatience. Would morning ever come?