



Main Idea Mission

Grade 3 | Reading | Main Idea and Text Evidence | August 30, 2026

Read the passage. Answer each question and use details from the text.

Growing and Learning

On Saturday, Maya and her grandfather worked in the community garden. They pulled weeds, watered young tomato plants, and placed straw around the soil. The straw helped the ground stay moist. Before leaving, Maya measured one plant and recorded its height in a notebook. She planned to return next week to see how much it grew.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

2. Name two jobs Maya completed in the garden.

3. Why did Maya place straw around the soil?

4. What will Maya probably do when she returns next week?

Evidence check: Underline one sentence that supports your answer to question 1.

