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1. Read the title, main idea, and details listed below.

Title of paragraph: My Teacher

Main Idea: Mrs. Black is the best math teacher I have ever had.

- Details:
1. She explains math so I can understand.
 2. She always answers my questions when I need help.
 3. She gives just the right amount of homework.
 4. She reviews the chapter before a test.

Retell Main Idea: Mrs. Black is my favorite teacher.

2. Use the information to write a paragraph. Include the main idea and details then retell the main idea. Indent the first sentence. Use capitals and periods. Remember to give the paragraph a title.

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Skill: Writing Paragraphs

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1. Read the title and main idea of the paragraph. Write your own details.

Title of paragraph: School

Main Idea: School helps me learn new things.

Details:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Retell Main Idea: School is a good place to learn.

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