

# Fantasy Stories

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**A** What is your favorite fantasy story?  
Discuss your answers.

## Reading Skill

### Finding the main idea

The main idea is the most important idea in a passage. Looking at the title, headings and pictures can help you find the main idea.


**B** Label the parts of the passage. Then write the main idea.


**1** **A** → **Fantasy Stories**


**2** → Fantasy stories show us places that are imaginary and full of magic. Children and adults like fantasy stories because a lot of exciting things happen in them. *Harry Potter* and *The Lord of the Rings* are two of the most popular fantasy stories. They have even been made into movies.

**3** → **Harry Potter**

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**7** → **The Lord of the Rings**

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- A** title
- B** paragraph 1
- C** paragraph 2
- D** paragraph 3
- E** heading 1
- F** heading 2
- G** picture 1
- H** picture 2

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_



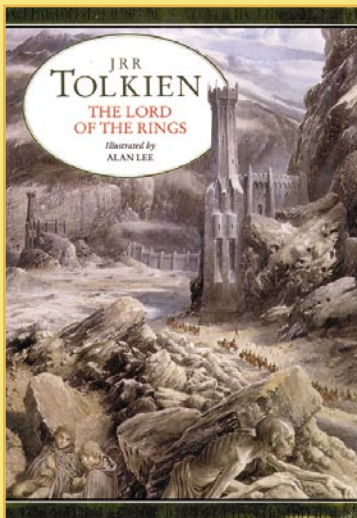
Read the passage.

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Answer the questions.

- 1 Why do people like fantasy stories?
- 2 Who wrote the Harry Potter books?
- 3 What is a hobbit?



## Practice

**E** Circle the correct answer.

- 1 The main idea of paragraph 1 is
  - a making movies from fantasy stories.
  - b imaginary places and magic.
  - c how to write popular fantasy stories for children and adults.
  - d what fantasy stories are about and why we like them.
  
- 2 The main idea of paragraph 2 is
  - a J. K. Rowling's seven books.
  - b the story of Harry Potter.
  - c the school called Hogwarts.
  - d the wizard Voldemort.
  
- 3 The main idea of paragraph 3 is
  - a when J. R. R. Tolkien's story came out.
  - b *The Lord of the Rings* and Frodo the hobbit.
  - c the history of *The Lord of the Rings*.
  - d the differences between Harry Potter and Frodo.



Pictures and headings can help you find the main ideas.

**F** Match the word with its definition.

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|-------------|---|
| 1 character | a n an imaginary animal or person                 |
| 2 creature  | b n a man who has magic powers                    |
| 3 destroy   | c n a person in a book, play, movie, etc.         |
| 4 evil      | d adj fun and interesting                         |
| 5 exciting  | e adj not real                                    |
| 6 imaginary | f adj liked by many people                        |
| 7 popular   | g adj bad; wicked                                 |
| 8 wizard    | h v to break something so it cannot be used again |

# Integration



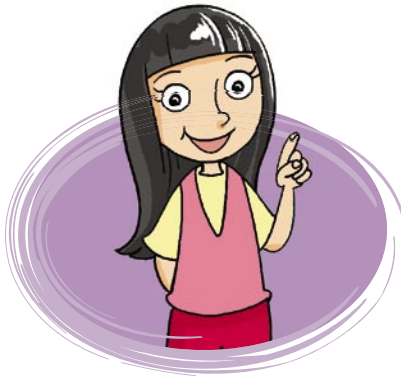
**3** Read about a Harry Potter story. Then write the main idea.

I love *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. In this story, Harry enters a special competition. He competes against students from other schools. However, when he wins, he meets Voldemort and has to fight him. It's such an exciting story!

Main idea: The \_\_\_\_\_ of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.



**4** Listen and complete the paragraph. Then write the main idea.



There are some great characters in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ characters are Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. The bad character is the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ White Witch. In the end, the four (3) \_\_\_\_\_ become kings and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of Narnia. It's an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ story with great (6) \_\_\_\_\_!

Main idea: The \_\_\_\_\_ in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.



**I** Tell the class about your favorite fantasy story. Decide on a main idea and make some notes to help you.

Fantasy story: \_\_\_\_\_

Main idea: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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