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 - c. Fifth graders could show additional responsibility by getting a cell phone.

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 - b. As fifth graders, we are starting to stay after school for clubs or sports.
 - c. Finally, a phone is an expensive item.

3. Which of the following would best support the **main idea** if added to the paragraph?
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 - b. It takes responsibility not to break the rules that parents set for how to use the phone.
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