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Main Idea and Details

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1. Carol loves to play tennis. She plays as much as she can. She takes lessons weekly. Carol is a very smart player. Everyone likes playing with her, because she is so good.



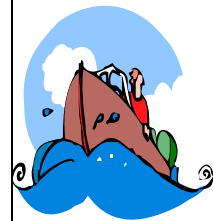
main idea: _____

detail: _____

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2. Boating is so much fun! I love riding fast in my boat. My brother and I always tube behind the boat. My dad likes to water ski and jump over the wakes. Mom always makes sure we have on sunscreen and have lots of snacks to eat and drink.



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Answer Key Main Idea and Details

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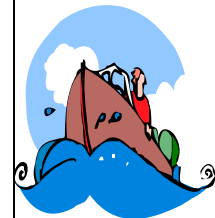
main idea: Carol loves to play tennis.

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