

## Main Idea Practice Test

Question 1 is about the following e-mail.



1 Dear Mr. Patterson,

I am a student in your wood shop class who is very angry with you. Your class is very unsafe and your other students are irresponsible.

5 The class is unsafe because there are not enough headphones to protect everyone's ears when we use loud machines. The machines are also dangerous. A power drill was on fire last week!

The second reason I am angry is because the other kids are irresponsible. Tommy and Jason shoot staples at people with the staple guns. John tries to scare people when they are  
10 cutting wood. Someone could lose a finger or an eye in your class. You should be watching the class more carefully.

Please make your classroom safer or I will tell the principal.

Thank you,  
Anonymous

### Question

1. What is the e-mail mainly about?

- (A) Dear Mr. Patterson
- (B) Staple guns and fires
- (C) Angry letter from anonymous
- (D) An unsafe class and irresponsible kids

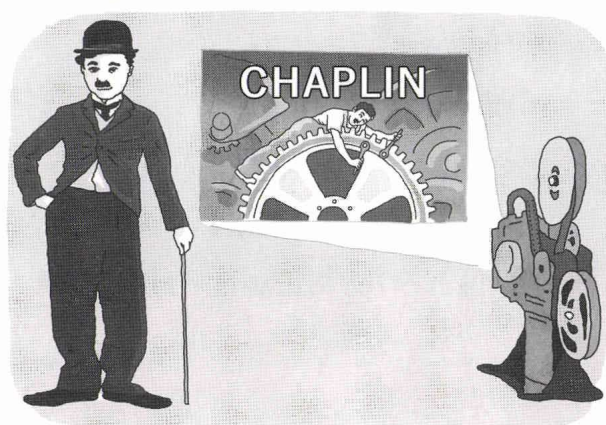
**Question 4 is about the following passage.**



1 Charlie Chaplin is one of the most admired actors and film directors of all time. Born in  
1889, Charlie Chaplin worked during the silent film era. He was well-known for his use of  
visual comedy. He did not need sound to be funny. Chaplin's most famous role was as "The  
Tramp" in a movie called *Kid Auto Races at Venice*. Amazingly, Charlie Chaplin worked in  
5 the film industry for about seventy-five years.

Chaplin made people laugh during and after World War I. The war was sad for many  
people. Many lost faith in humankind. At this time, World War I was simply known as the  
Great War. Charlie Chaplin was too small and underweight to join the army himself. Instead,  
he was able to give the gift of laughter during this difficult time.

10 Despite Charlie Chaplin's life in America  
and influence on American film, he was  
born and raised in Britain. His parents were  
both entertainers at music halls. Chaplin  
had an interesting personality. He had many  
15 wives and girlfriends, along with many  
children. He married his last wife when he  
was fifty-four years old. Charlie was  
seventy-five when his wife gave birth to  
their eighth child.



**Question**

**4. What is the passage mainly about?**

- (A) Charlie Chaplin as "The Tramp"
- (B) Charlie Chaplin's wives and girlfriends
- (C) Charlie Chaplin as a soldier in World War I
- (D) Charlie Chaplin's life and contribution to film