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- The central idea is the most important point an informational text makes.
- Details support and develop the central idea across the text.
- An objective summary states the central idea without personal opinions.
- Details about bees, flowers and crops support: Bees are vital to farming.

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A. The Arctic has few trees

B. Fishing is popular in the Arctic

C. Stone markers guide Arctic travelers

D. Stones are heavy to lift

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