

WHAT'S THE MAIN IDEA?

Read each of the given passages carefully and identify the main idea.

- 1** Items that are used as money often have little value in themselves. For example, the paper used to print money is not valuable. Money has value because people understand and accept it as an exchange medium. People can use it as a form of payment to purchase goods or services when everyone accepts that as a bill or a coin has value. Before money existed, people used other systems to perform exchanges.

What is the main idea?

- Money has always existed in society.
- Before money, people used other systems for purchasing goods.

- 2** Bartering means a direct trade for goods and services. Although some aspects of this transaction are similar to the exchange of money, bartering required time as people figured out the terms of the deal. Using money as the medium for trade made transactions simpler. Although trade and barter may seem like old systems, they were the business solutions for people who lived before the convenience of credit card processing.

What is the main idea?

- Money made transactions easier.
- Barter system was easier than handling money

