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**Unit 5 Skill Review: Finding the Main Idea**

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The Unit 5 Review Skill asks you to state the main idea of Readings 1 and 2 in your own words.

A First let's look at how to find a main idea. Read the section below from Reading 2 "I Love Me."

**Narcissistic Behavior**

Most people who have a narcissistic personality are very ordinary people. However, they think of themselves as being very important and special. As a result, they often try to exploit others. They expect other people to give them constant attention and to obey their commands. In a restaurant, for example, a narcissist might expect to be seated immediately. He might demand a better table, a special salad, or a sharper knife. Narcissists demand attention from everyone, including their family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers.

On the other hand, narcissists can demonstrate great charm. They smile a lot. They gossip and tell jokes. They generate excitement with their lively chatter. They like to talk about themselves and often dominate the conversation with stories about their exploits. In these stories they tend to greatly exaggerate their talents and personal attainments.

In fact, when narcissists describe their attainments, they are likely to be lying. Lying is typical behavior for narcissists, who often try to impress people with false claims about things they own or people they know. They brag that their golf clubs are identical to the ones used by professional golfers. They claim to be best friends with the mayor and the police chief and the bank president.

**Which sentence best states the main idea of the section?**

- A. In a restaurant, for example, a narcissist might expect to be seated immediately.
- B. In fact, when narcissists describe their attainments, they are likely to be lying.
- C. Narcissists demand attention from everyone, including their family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers.
- D. They brag that their golf clubs are identical to the ones uses by professional golfers.

**B Now think about how to state the main idea in your own words. Which statement below best states the main idea using different words than the author used?**

- A. Narcissists are liars.
- B. Narcissists expect everyone they meet to give them special attention.
- C. Narcissists demand attention from their family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers.

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**Answer Key**

A Correct answer is C.

B Correct answer is B.