Behind the Post

Read a community post for its message, purpose, and reliability.

8.DL.11 "Analyze digital texts to determine subject, occasion, audience, purpose, tone, and credibility."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the proposed change, circle the event that prompted the post, and number clues about its audience (1), purpose (2), tone (3), and credibility (4).

Saturday Hours at Elm Street Library

(1) **Riverton Library Community Board | June 4, 2026 | Posted by Maya Chen, teen advisory council volunteer.** The city council will discuss a proposal to keep the Elm Street Library open until 6 p.m. on Saturdays instead of closing at 2 p.m. The council's online agenda lists the discussion as item 7 for its June 11 meeting. If you rely on weekend library time to study, use a computer, or meet your reading group, this decision could change your plans. The agenda says discussion, not a final vote.

(2) Students and families, please tell council members how Saturday hours affect you before June 11. I volunteer with the library's teen advisory group, and three members told me they have had to leave unfinished homework when the building closed. Their stories matter, but three people cannot speak for everyone who uses the library. Longer hours could help, and I don't want this chance to slip by. You can send a short message through the council's public comment page, even if you disagree with me.

(3) Before sending a message, check the city council's agenda for the meeting time and the exact wording of item 7. This post does not link directly to that agenda, and I have not seen a cost estimate for the extra hours. A neighbor commented on our last post that 'everyone wants this change,' but no survey was provided. Share your own experience instead of repeating that claim. I hope the council hears from people who use the library, not just from the loudest voices online.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the subject of this post, and what occasion prompted Maya to post it now?

2. Who is Maya trying to reach, and what does she want those readers to do? Give one clue from the post.

3. What tone does Maya use? Explain how two phrases in the post create that tone.

4. Identify one detail that makes the post more credible and one reason to check another source before trusting it fully.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you see this new post on a school account: 'Starting Monday, students may bring refillable water bottles to class. Tell your classmates!' In four sentences, analyze its subject and occasion, audience and purpose, tone, and one credibility check you would make before sharing it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the proposed change, circle the event that prompted the post, and number clues about its audience (1), purpose (2), tone (3), and credibility (4). Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the subject of this post, and what occasion prompted Maya to post it now?	**The subject is a proposal to extend the library's Saturday hours. Maya posted before the city council's June 11 discussion so people could comment.**
2	Who is Maya trying to reach, and what does she want those readers to do? Give one clue from the post.	**She addresses students and families and wants them to tell council members how the hours affect them. She points readers to the council's public comment page.**
3	What tone does Maya use? Explain how two phrases in the post create that tone.	**Her tone is concerned but careful. 'I don't want this chance to slip by' shows urgency, while 'three people cannot speak for everyone' shows caution.**
4	Identify one detail that makes the post more credible and one reason to check another source before trusting it fully.	**Maya names the council agenda, its item number, and the meeting date. Readers should check the agenda because the post does not link to it, and the post gives no cost estimate.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The post is about a new water-bottle rule, and its Monday start explains why it was posted now. Its audience is students, and its purpose is to spread the rule so they tell classmates. The command 'Tell your classmates!' makes the tone direct and upbeat. I would check the school's official announcements or ask the office to confirm the rule before sharing it.

Accept other supported descriptions of tone, such as hopeful or urgent. For credibility, accept a specific check of the council agenda or another official source.