# Behind the Post

Read a library announcement for its message and its limits.

**9.DL.12** "Interpret digital texts to determine their subject, occasion, audience, purpose, tone, and credibility."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline two details that show what event prompted this post and when it will happen, circle one clue to its intended readers, and label a clue about the source 1 and a limit on what the writer knows 2.

### Summer Book Swap

1 Cedar Bend Library website, Community Notes. Posted June 10, 2026, by Maya Ortiz, teen services librarian. This Saturday, June 13, our summer book swap will fill the library meeting room from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring up to three books you are ready to pass along, or just come to browse. A book does not need to be new, but it should have all its pages. Students looking for a graphic novel and neighbors searching for a mystery are equally welcome. We are posting these details now so families can plan a visit before the weekend.

2 At the entrance, volunteers will put donated books on tables marked by genre. You may take home up to three books, even if you bring none. We will set aside a short shelf for books in languages other than English, but we cannot predict which languages or titles will arrive. If you need an accessible format, ask a librarian about the library's existing collection rather than counting on the swap. The calendar listing on this website includes the same time and location, and library staff can answer questions by phone during open hours.

3 We would rather see a well-loved paperback find another reader than sit in a closet. Please do not bring books with missing pages or water damage, since someone else will need to use them. The swap is free, and nobody must make a donation to participate. Share this post with a friend who might enjoy hunting for a new story. We can confirm the event rules and hours because our staff is running the swap; we cannot confirm which books will be available until donations arrive. Check the calendar listing again on Saturday in case the schedule changes.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What is the post's subject, and what occasion prompted the library to publish it now?

2. Who is the intended audience? Use a detail from the post to support your answer.

3. What does the writer want readers to do? Describe the post's tone and give one phrase that helps create it.

4. How credible is this post as a source for the swap's rules and hours? What information does it say it cannot confirm?

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A neighborhood forum post says, 'The new skate park opens tomorrow! Share this now!' It gives no author, posting date, or source. In five to seven sentences, identify its subject, occasion, likely audience, purpose, and tone, then judge its credibility with a reason.

ANSWER KEY

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## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show what event prompted this post and when it will happen, circle one clue to its intended readers, and label a clue about the source 1 and a limit on what the writer knows 2. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1 | What is the post's subject, and what occasion prompted the library to publish it now? | **The subject is the library's summer book swap. The upcoming Saturday swap prompted the announcement so readers can plan a visit.** |
| 2 | Who is the intended audience? Use a detail from the post to support your answer. | **Local students, families, and other library visitors. The post welcomes students and neighbors and says families can plan a visit.** |
| 3 | What does the writer want readers to do? Describe the post's tone and give one phrase that helps create it. | **The writer wants readers to visit the swap and share the post. The tone is welcoming and practical, shown by phrases such as 'equally welcome' and 'nobody must make a donation.'** |
| 4 | How credible is this post as a source for the swap's rules and hours? What information does it say it cannot confirm? | **It is a strong source for rules and hours because a librarian posted it on the library website and staff is running the event. It cannot confirm which books will be available.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The post's subject is a new skate park. Its occasion is a claimed opening the next day. Its likely audience is local residents, especially people who want to use the park. The writer wants readers to spread the news. The exclamation points and command give the post an excited, urgent tone. It is not a reliable source for the opening day because it names no author or source and gives no posting date. I would check a current announcement from the city parks department before sharing it.

Accept equivalent audience and tone descriptions when students support them with passage details. For the forum post, students should treat 'tomorrow' as an unverified claim, not a confirmed date.