Tool Share Choices

Use a chart and a borrower note to evaluate a community need.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.7 "Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the highest and lowest checkout numbers in the chart. Underline the last sentence of paragraph 3 because it connects Luis's note to the chart data.

What Should the Tool Share Buy?

1 At Eastview's Tool Share, neighbors borrow tools instead of buying tools they may use only once. Each borrower signs out an item for up to five days, then returns it for another family to use. In April, volunteer Maya counted every checkout. The data below show how many times four kinds of tools were borrowed. Maya wants to use the numbers, along with borrowers' comments, to decide what the Tool Share should buy before summer repair projects begin.

TOOL SHARE CHECKOUTS IN APRIL



number of checkouts

2 The chart shows that hammers were borrowed most often, with 18 checkouts. Extension cords were next, with 14, while hand trowels had 11 and rakes had 7. These numbers suggest that many borrowers were fixing or building things rather than doing only yard work. However, checkout totals do not explain every need. A tool with fewer checkouts might still be important if borrowers need it for a longer project or cannot easily borrow one elsewhere.

3 One note in the borrower notebook adds another kind of information. Luis wrote, "I borrowed a rake for four days to clear storm branches from my grandmother's yard. The Tool Share had only one rake, so I waited until it came back. A second rake would help families after the next storm." Luis's note does not change the chart's result that rakes had the fewest checkouts. Still, it explains that the low total may hide a shortage because a single rake was unavailable when he needed it.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which tool's place in the chart matches paragraph 2's phrase "were next," and how many checkouts did it have?

2. Use the chart and paragraph 2. Which two tools and checkout numbers best support the idea that many borrowers were fixing or building things?

3. The chart shows that rakes had 7 checkouts. What detail from Luis's note helps explain why that number might not show the full need for rakes?

4. What claim about rake availability is supported by Luis's note but cannot be learned from the chart alone?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence message to Maya recommending one purchase before summer. Name the item, include its checkout number from the chart, and use a specific detail from Luis's note to explain your recommendation.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the highest and lowest checkout numbers in the chart. Underline the last sentence of paragraph 3 because it connects Luis's note to the chart data. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which tool's place in the chart matches paragraph 2's phrase "were next," and how many checkouts did it have?	**Extension cords, with 14 checkouts.**
2	Use the chart and paragraph 2. Which two tools and checkout numbers best support the idea that many borrowers were fixing or building things?	**Hammers had 18 checkouts and extension cords had 14 checkouts. These were the two highest totals.**
3	The chart shows that rakes had 7 checkouts. What detail from Luis's note helps explain why that number might not show the full need for rakes?	**The Tool Share had only one rake, and Luis had to wait for it to be returned. Some people may have needed a rake when it was unavailable.**
4	What claim about rake availability is supported by Luis's note but cannot be learned from the chart alone?	**The single rake may not have been enough for borrowers' needs. The chart gives the number of checkouts, but the note shows that Luis had to wait because the rake was unavailable.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maya, buy a second rake before summer. The chart shows that rakes were borrowed 7 times, the fewest of any tool. Luis wrote that the only rake was unavailable when he needed it after a storm, so another rake could help families.

Accept answers that accurately combine information from the chart and the passage. For Your Turn, require exactly three sentences that name an item, give its correct chart number, and use a specific detail from Luis's note, such as the single rake or Luis having to wait.