

The Better Choice

Track how new information can reshape a decision.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1d "Acknowledge new information expressed by others and, when warranted, modify their own views."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline Jordan's first opinion, circle each piece of new information he learns, and number the sentences that show how he responds. These marks trace how a speaker can reconsider a view.

Forks and Facts

- ① At a student council meeting, Maya proposed replacing the cafeteria's plastic forks with compostable forks. "They are made to break down in composting conditions, so they must be better for the environment," she said. Jordan agreed at first. He had seen overflowing trash cans after lunch and thought compostable forks would reduce waste. The council planned to vote the next day, so Ms. Chen asked members to gather information before deciding. Jordan volunteered to speak with the cafeteria manager about what happened to the school's trash.
- ② The manager explained that the school did not have a composting program. All cafeteria trash, including compostable forks, went into the same landfill-bound dumpster. She also showed Jordan that compostable forks cost more than the sturdy reusable metal forks used in a nearby school's washing system. Jordan wrote down her points instead of arguing. He asked whether the school could begin with washable forks and enough washing equipment. The manager said that option could cut single-use waste, but it would require staff time and a careful budget plan.
- ③ The next day, Jordan told the council, "I still want less plastic in our trash, but I changed my view about buying compostable forks right now." He summarized the manager's information and credited her for explaining the landfill problem. Then he suggested that the council study reusable forks, washing costs, and staffing before making a choice. Maya said the new information mattered because the forks would not reach a composting facility in that dumpster. The council delayed its vote and formed a team to compare options.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What did Jordan first believe about compostable forks, and what observation led him to that view?

2 What new information from the cafeteria manager challenged Jordan's first view? Include two details.

3 How did Jordan change his view, and what goal did he keep?

4 What did Jordan do to acknowledge the manager's information before suggesting a next step?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Think of a different school or community choice. Write exactly four sentences: state your first view, explain new information another person shared, name that person respectfully, and tell how the information changed your view.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline Jordan's first opinion, circle each piece of new information he learns, and number the sentences that show how he responds. These marks trace how a speaker can reconsider a view. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What did Jordan first believe about compostable forks, and what observation led him to that view?	He thought compostable forks would reduce waste because he had seen overflowing trash cans after lunch.
2	What new information from the cafeteria manager challenged Jordan's first view? Include two details.	The school had no composting program, so compostable forks would go into a landfill-bound dumpster. The forks also cost more than reusable metal forks.
3	How did Jordan change his view, and what goal did he keep?	He changed his view about buying compostable forks right away, but he still wanted less plastic in the school's trash.
4	What did Jordan do to acknowledge the manager's information before suggesting a next step?	He wrote down her points, summarized her information for the council, and credited her for explaining the landfill problem.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At first, I thought our class should spend its fundraiser money on new soccer balls. Priya explained that several students cannot find books at home for a reading project. Her information made me reconsider because the current soccer balls are still usable. I now think we should buy a small set of books first and save the remaining money for sports equipment.

Accept answers that accurately identify Jordan's original view, the manager's evidence, and Jordan's revised position. For Part 3, accept varied topics if the response respectfully credits new information and clearly explains a warranted change in view.