

Ready for Risks

Read how protection steps and insurance can guard against costly losses.

SS.4.FL.6 "Protecting and Insuring"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline actions that lower the chance of a loss, and circle words that name parts of an insurance plan, so you can tell how people protect property and money.

A Stormy Surprise

- ① After a windy storm, water leaked through the roof of Ms. Rivera's house. She had saved some money for surprises, but a new roof could cost far more than her savings. Long before the storm, she bought homeowners insurance. Insurance is a plan that can help people pay for certain large losses. It does not stop storms or prevent damage.
- ② To keep coverage, Ms. Rivera pays a premium, a regular amount of money. Her policy is the written agreement that explains what the insurance covers and what it does not cover. When she reports the roof damage, she may pay a deductible first. A deductible is the amount the customer pays before the insurance company pays its share of a covered claim.
- ③ People also protect their property by using locks, following safety rules, and taking care of what they own. These steps may lower the chance of a loss, while insurance helps with the cost after some covered losses happen. Ms. Rivera reads her policy before choosing it. She compares plans because premiums, deductibles, and coverage can be different.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Why might Ms. Rivera's savings not be enough to pay for the roof?

2 What does a policy explain?

3 What is a deductible?

4 How do locks and safety rules help differently from insurance?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one item at home that could be damaged or lost. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, tell one action that can lower the risk. In the second sentence, name an insurance plan that could help pay for a covered loss and explain how.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline actions that lower the chance of a loss, and circle words that name parts of an insurance plan, so you can tell how people protect property and money. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why might Ms. Rivera's savings not be enough to pay for the roof?	A new roof could cost far more than the money she had saved.
2	What does a policy explain?	It explains what the insurance covers and what it does not cover.
3	What is a deductible?	It is the amount the customer pays before the insurance company pays its share of a covered claim.
4	How do locks and safety rules help differently from insurance?	Locks and safety rules can lower the chance of a loss. Insurance can help with the cost after some covered losses happen.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My family checks smoke alarms and keeps a fire extinguisher in the kitchen to lower the risk of fire damage. Homeowners insurance can help pay for covered fire damage to our home.

Accept answers that distinguish preventing or lowering risk from getting financial help after a covered loss. For Part 3, accept reasonable property, prevention actions, and an appropriate insurance type, even if students use different examples.