Beyond One Rule

Use shared practices and local norms to identify deviant subcultures.

S.10.4 "Identify deviant subcultures."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each group that qualifies as a deviant subculture, underline the rule or expectation it challenges, and number two clues that show its members share a practice.

Who Breaks the Pattern?

1. At a city youth forum, residents debate which activities deserve the label *deviant subculture*. A subculture is a group whose members share habits, beliefs, or rules that distinguish them from a larger community. Deviance means crossing a social expectation or formal rule in a particular place and time. To identify a deviant subculture, look for both a shared group pattern and a conflict with a wider norm. One unusual act by one person is not enough. Neither is membership in a group with a distinctive style. The same behavior can be welcomed in one setting and prohibited in another.

2. The forum first hears about Night Shift, a club of drivers who meet weekly to race on public streets after dark. Members teach newcomers a hand signal for starting races and praise drivers who ignore posted speed limits. Local traffic laws prohibit these races. Another resident describes a single driver who once sped down the same street while late for work. Next, a business owner describes the Tunnel Crew. Its members sign their work with a common symbol, take turns watching for security, and paint on closed storefronts without permission. City rules prohibit marking these buildings, even if some passersby admire the designs.

3. The final speakers discuss two school groups. The Mural Team plans designs together and paints a wall after the property owner and school approve the project. Its members use a shared logo on their shirts, but they follow the rules for public art. The Answer Circle, by contrast, keeps a secret file of test questions copied from tests given earlier in the day. Members agree to add new questions after each test and share the file only with students who contribute. The school bans collecting and sharing test questions. One speaker cautions that identifying a group's behavior does not mean judging every member's character.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which is a deviant subculture, Night Shift or the driver who sped once? Use one detail about shared practices and one about a rule.

2. Does the Tunnel Crew qualify as a deviant subculture? Identify a shared practice and the rule it challenges.

3. Does the Mural Team qualify as a deviant subculture? Explain why its shared logo is not enough to decide.

4. Which school group qualifies as a deviant subculture? Give evidence of both a shared practice and a broken rule.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a school or neighborhood group not mentioned in the passage. In three sentences, describe a practice its members share, name a specific rule or expectation they repeatedly break, and explain why the group qualifies as a deviant subculture rather than a lone rule breaker.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each group that qualifies as a deviant subculture, underline the rule or expectation it challenges, and number two clues that show its members share a practice. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which is a deviant subculture, Night Shift or the driver who sped once? Use one detail about shared practices and one about a rule.	**Night Shift meets weekly and teaches newcomers a racing signal, while its street races violate traffic laws. The driver acted alone.**
2	Does the Tunnel Crew qualify as a deviant subculture? Identify a shared practice and the rule it challenges.	**Yes. Members use a common symbol and take turns watching for security while painting storefronts without permission, which violates city rules.**
3	Does the Mural Team qualify as a deviant subculture? Explain why its shared logo is not enough to decide.	**No. The logo shows a shared group practice, but the team has approval and follows the rules for public art.**
4	Which school group qualifies as a deviant subculture? Give evidence of both a shared practice and a broken rule.	**The Answer Circle qualifies. Members maintain and share a secret test-question file, breaking the school's ban on collecting and sharing test questions.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Library Whisperers meet every Friday to trade snacks in the school library. Members teach newcomers where to hide wrappers, even though the library prohibits food. Their repeated snack-sharing routine breaks a library rule as a group, so they qualify as a deviant subculture in that setting.

Accept other passage details that establish both a shared group pattern and conflict with a rule. For the open task, the invented group must repeatedly break a specific local rule or expectation, not merely have an unusual style.