One Reopening, Three Voices

Compare what each account brings to the foreground.

RI.9-10.7 "Analyze various accounts of a subject presented in different print and non-print formats, determining which details are emphasized in each account."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the format of each account, then underline two details in each paragraph that show what its writer or speaker emphasizes.

The Bay Street Library Reopens

1. The Harbor Ledger, a printed weekly newspaper, covered the reopening of the Bay Street Library after a broken pipe flooded its first floor. The article reported that the branch would reopen on Saturday, six weeks after the leak. Workers replaced damaged carpet and dried the walls before shelving books again. According to the article, repairs cost $84,000, paid from the city's building maintenance fund. It also noted that the children's room would remain closed for another week while new shelves were installed. The reporter quoted the facilities manager, who said moisture tests had to pass before the doors could open.

2. In a recorded radio segment, a reporter stood outside the Bay Street Library on reopening morning. The segment began with the rattle of a book cart and the sound of the front doors opening. A child told the reporter, "I missed picking my own books." The reporter described a short line of neighbors waiting to enter and a volunteer guiding visitors toward the temporary children's shelves. She mentioned that the branch had been closed for six weeks, but did not give a repair cost. Instead, she played the librarian's voice explaining that borrowed books could be returned without late fees that day.

3. At a recorded city council meeting later that week, the library director spoke about the same reopening. He said the building maintenance fund had covered repairs, then turned to plans for future leaks. Staff would check pipes in all four city branches before winter and would move books from low shelves if sensors detected water. A council member asked why the children's room was still closed; the director answered that its replacement shelves were due the following week. No visitors were interviewed during the meeting. The director ended by asking the council to pay for water sensors in next year's budget.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Both the newspaper article and the council recording discuss money. What different money-related detail does each emphasize?

2. How do the sounds and voices in the radio segment shift its focus away from the newspaper article's focus? Cite one detail from each account.

3. Which account most strongly emphasizes preventing another flood? Give two details that support your choice.

4. The children's space appears in all three accounts. How does each account present it differently?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write four sentences pitching a new 30-second radio update for families planning a visit. Include two accurate details from different accounts, identify which detail you would emphasize, and explain how your focus would differ from the newspaper article's.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the format of each account, then underline two details in each paragraph that show what its writer or speaker emphasizes. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Both the newspaper article and the council recording discuss money. What different money-related detail does each emphasize?	**The newspaper gives the $84,000 repair cost and its funding source. The council recording emphasizes the director's request to fund water sensors in next year's budget.**
2	How do the sounds and voices in the radio segment shift its focus away from the newspaper article's focus? Cite one detail from each account.	**The radio segment uses the book cart's rattle and a child's voice to focus on visitors' experience. The newspaper focuses on repairs, including the damaged carpet and walls.**
3	Which account most strongly emphasizes preventing another flood? Give two details that support your choice.	**The council recording does. The director describes pipe checks at all four branches and asks for funding for water sensors.**
4	The children's space appears in all three accounts. How does each account present it differently?	**The newspaper reports that the children's room will stay closed while shelves are installed. The radio segment describes a volunteer directing visitors to temporary children's shelves. At the council meeting, the director answers a question about when replacement shelves are due.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My radio update would tell families that borrowed books could be returned without late fees on reopening day. It would also explain that the children's room would stay closed for another week. I would emphasize the return policy because families can use that information during their visit. Unlike the newspaper article, my update would not focus on repair costs and building work.

Accept other comparisons supported by specific passage details. For Part 3, check that the response uses details from two different accounts and explains its chosen emphasis in relation to the newspaper.