

Bench Book Exchange

Use stated details and clues to support your ideas.

6R1 "Cite textual evidence to support an analysis of what the text says explicitly/implicitly and make logical inferences. (RI&RL)"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that tell what happens in the passage. Number two details that help you infer why a character acts.

A Station Surprise

- ① On Saturday morning, Lena carried a stack of books to the old train station near her apartment. A sign on the locked door announced that the building would close for repairs on Monday. Lena had planned to use its quiet waiting room for her history project. She paused beside the door, then looked at the empty bench under the awning. Rain tapped the pavement, and passengers hurried past with umbrellas toward the bus stop across the street.
- ② Lena noticed a paper grocery bag beside the bench. Inside were several novels, a puzzle book, and a note that read, "Take one, leave one." The bag belonged to Mr. Ortiz, who ran the corner store. Lena remembered that he often set aside newspapers for people waiting at the station. She placed her own books in a neat row on the bench and used a marker to copy the note onto a piece of cardboard.
- ③ By noon, the rain had stopped, and the bench held fewer books than before. A woman tucked a mystery novel into her coat pocket, while a boy traded a comic for the puzzle book. Mr. Ortiz came outside with a roll of tape and fastened Lena's cardboard sign to the bench. Lena missed the waiting room, but she opened her history notebook there anyway. Each time someone paused to read the sign, she smiled and made room for another book.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What does the sign on the station door explicitly announce? Copy the words from the passage that support your answer.

2 Why does Lena put her own books on the bench and make a sign? Make an inference and cite two details that support it.

3 What can you infer about Mr. Ortiz's opinion of Lena's book exchange? Cite evidence for your inference.

4 How do Lena's feelings about the closed waiting room change by the end? Cite two details that support your answer.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Predict what will probably happen to the book exchange after Lena leaves. Write two sentences, using two details from the passage to support your prediction.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that tell what happens in the passage. Number two details that help you infer why a character acts. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the sign on the station door explicitly announce? Copy the words from the passage that support your answer.	The building "would close for repairs on Monday."
2	Why does Lena put her own books on the bench and make a sign? Make an inference and cite two details that support it.	Lena wants passengers to have books to read or share while the station is closed. She finds Mr. Ortiz's bag with the "Take one, leave one" note and copies that note onto cardboard after arranging her books.
3	What can you infer about Mr. Ortiz's opinion of Lena's book exchange? Cite evidence for your inference.	Mr. Ortiz approves of the exchange. He brings tape and fastens Lena's cardboard sign to the bench.
4	How do Lena's feelings about the closed waiting room change by the end? Cite two details that support your answer.	Lena is disappointed at first but becomes willing to use the bench and pleased by the exchange. She misses the waiting room but opens her history notebook outside, and she smiles when people read the sign.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The book exchange will probably continue after Lena leaves. Mr. Ortiz taped up the sign, and people were already stopping to take or trade books.

Accept logical inferences and predictions that are supported by accurate details from the passage. Students may cite details by quoting or clearly paraphrasing them.