Room for Books

Use story details to support more than one inference.

7.3.R.8 "Students will analyze multiple ideas from a text, providing textual evidence to support their inferences."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details suggesting Nia is willing to change her plan, circle two details suggesting neighbors need space to move, and number two details suggesting the new location works.

A Place for the Books

1 On Monday, Nia carried a cardboard box of donated books into the apartment lobby. She wanted children waiting for the bus to have stories to borrow. Mr. Ortiz, the building manager, pointed to a narrow path between the mailboxes and the front door. "A stroller has to fit through here," he said. Nia slid the box beside the wall, but its lid brushed the door each time someone entered. She took it upstairs without arguing, then spent the evening measuring the lobby with a ruler.

2 The next afternoon, Nia asked neighbors where a book box might fit. Ms. Lin, who used a walker, tapped the lobby's only wide corner. "I need that space to turn," she said. A younger neighbor suggested hanging a shelf above the mailboxes, but Mr. Ortiz shook his head. "The wall carries pipes, and I can't drill into it." Nia wrote each concern on the back of a grocery receipt. She left a blank space at the bottom for an idea nobody had offered yet.

3 On Friday, the bus was late, and three children stood under the awning, trading the same comic. Nia noticed an empty bench in the covered courtyard, visible from the lobby but outside the doorway. With Mr. Ortiz's permission, she set a weatherproof box beside it, leaving the walkway clear. Ms. Lin brought a large-print mystery to add. The next morning, Nia found the mystery inside the box and a note beside it: "I finished this one. Please save the next." She taped up a sign explaining how to return books.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does Nia's response to the first problem suggest about her attitude toward the project? Support your inference with two details.

2. What do Mr. Ortiz's comments suggest about his responsibilities as building manager? Use two details as evidence.

3. Why might the covered courtyard work better for the book box than the lobby? Support your inference with details from both locations.

4. What can you infer about Ms. Lin's view of the book project? Use one detail from her first conversation with Nia and one from Friday.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Suppose Nia had left her first box beside the lobby wall. In four sentences, predict two different effects on people using the entrance. Support each prediction with a different story detail, and explain how that detail supports it.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details suggesting Nia is willing to change her plan, circle two details suggesting neighbors need space to move, and number two details suggesting the new location works. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does Nia's response to the first problem suggest about her attitude toward the project? Support your inference with two details.	**Nia is determined but willing to adjust her plan. She takes the box upstairs without arguing, then spends the evening measuring the lobby.**
2	What do Mr. Ortiz's comments suggest about his responsibilities as building manager? Use two details as evidence.	**He must consider whether a plan is safe and practical for the building. He says a stroller needs room to pass and refuses to drill into a wall that carries pipes.**
3	Why might the covered courtyard work better for the book box than the lobby? Support your inference with details from both locations.	**The lobby box brushes the door and could block people moving through. The courtyard spot is covered and leaves the walkway clear.**
4	What can you infer about Ms. Lin's view of the book project? Use one detail from her first conversation with Nia and one from Friday.	**Ms. Lin supports sharing books but needs room to move. She objects to using the corner where she turns her walker, then brings a mystery to the courtyard box.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A neighbor pushing a stroller might struggle to reach the mailboxes because Mr. Ortiz says a stroller must fit through the narrow path. The box could take up some of that needed space. People entering the building might also bump the box because Nia notices that its lid brushes the door. Repeated bumps could make the entrance harder to use and damage the books.

Accept inferences supported by specific, relevant details from the passage. For the final task, look for two distinct predicted effects, each explained with a different detail.