Choices Around Town

How neighbors shape what local sellers offer

3.C.4.1.A "Explain how citizens make their own decisions about what goods or services are produced, and what is purchased, using examples from the local community."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline what neighbors ask for or buy in each paragraph. Circle what each seller decides to offer because of those choices.

A Saturday in Town

1. On Saturday, Maya visits a street market in her town. Mr. Lin sells peaches and apples there. Some shoppers ask if he will make small bags of sliced apples for quick snacks. He decides to try making ten bags the next week. Each shopper can choose a bag, buy a whole apple, or spend money elsewhere. No one has to buy what Mr. Lin makes.

2. Across the street, Ms. Ortiz fixes bikes. Several neighbors ask for a tire-pumping service before the school ride. She decides to offer it on Friday afternoons. Theo can pay Ms. Ortiz to pump his tires, do it himself, or wait. When many riders pay for the service, Ms. Ortiz keeps offering it. Their purchases show her that the service is useful.

3. At the corner store, the owner, Mr. Bell, chooses which snacks to stock. He tries cheese crackers and dried mango. Many families buy the dried mango, but few choose the crackers. Mr. Bell orders more mango and fewer crackers the next month. The families did not make his order for him. Their own buying choices helped him decide what to sell.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do the shoppers and Mr. Lin each help decide whether sliced apples will be sold?

2. Why does Ms. Ortiz keep offering tire pumping? What choice does each rider have?

3. How do families' buying choices change what Mr. Bell orders?

4. How is asking Mr. Lin for sliced apples different from buying dried mango when neighbors help sellers decide what to offer?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a real or made-up place in your community. In three sentences, explain what neighbors want, what a seller decides to offer, what a buyer chooses, and how that choice could change what the seller offers next.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.4.1.A

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline what neighbors ask for or buy in each paragraph. Circle what each seller decides to offer because of those choices. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do the shoppers and Mr. Lin each help decide whether sliced apples will be sold?	**Shoppers ask for bags of sliced apples, and Mr. Lin decides to try making ten bags.**
2	Why does Ms. Ortiz keep offering tire pumping? What choice does each rider have?	**Many riders pay for the service, so Ms. Ortiz keeps offering it. Each rider can pay her, pump their own tires, or wait.**
3	How do families' buying choices change what Mr. Bell orders?	**Families buy more dried mango than cheese crackers, so Mr. Bell orders more mango and fewer crackers.**
4	How is asking Mr. Lin for sliced apples different from buying dried mango when neighbors help sellers decide what to offer?	**The shoppers tell Mr. Lin what they want before he makes it. The families show Mr. Bell what they want by buying mango.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Neighbors want fresh herbs for cooking, so Nia decides to sell small pots of basil at her flower stand. Malik chooses to buy a basil pot instead of flowers. If more neighbors buy basil pots, Nia may grow and sell more basil next week.

Accept answers that distinguish a seller's decision about what to offer from a neighbor's choice about what to request or buy. For Your Turn, look for a clear link between buying choices and what the seller may offer next.