Who Helps Maya?

Trace the services behind an everyday trip.

7.C.7.3.C "Businesses that provide services to consumers (Tertiary Sector);"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action by each of these consumer-service businesses: the bike shop, grocery store, barber, and bus company. Circle what the farm and factory do instead.

A Trip Through the Neighborhood

1. On Saturday, Maya rides her bike to a neighborhood concert. A flat tire sends her to a bike shop, where a worker patches the tube. The worker does not make a new bicycle; the shop earns money by fixing a problem for a customer. Next, Maya stops at a grocery store for a bottle of water. The store did not produce the water. Its workers stock shelves, help shoppers, and sell products to people who need them. Both businesses serve consumers, people who buy goods or services for personal use.

2. Before the concert, Maya visits a barber for a haircut. She pays for the barber's skill and time, not for an object she can carry home. Across the street, a bus company takes concertgoers to the park. Riders pay for a trip rather than buying the bus. These are examples of the tertiary sector, the part of the economy that provides services to people. A service may change something for a customer, help a customer get somewhere, or make it easier to buy goods.

3. At the park, Maya meets her uncle, who grows strawberries on a farm. Growing crops belongs to the primary sector because it gathers resources from nature. A nearby factory turns some strawberries into jam, an example of the secondary sector because it makes a product. The grocery store can then sell jars of that jam to families. Although a jar is a good, the store's work is a service: it connects customers with products. One jar can pass through several sectors before someone spreads jam on toast.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does the bike shop belong in the tertiary sector?

2. The grocery store sells goods. What service does it provide to consumers?

3. What does a customer pay the barber to do? What does a rider pay the bus company to do?

4. A jar of jam passes through the farm, factory, and grocery store. Which one provides a service to consumers, and how is its work different?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a family needs help getting ready for a rainy school day. Invent two businesses that could serve them, and write 3 to 4 sentences explaining what each does for customers and why each belongs in the tertiary sector.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.C.7.3.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one action by each of these consumer-service businesses: the bike shop, grocery store, barber, and bus company. Circle what the farm and factory do instead. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why does the bike shop belong in the tertiary sector?	**It patches Maya's tire, providing a repair service instead of making a new bicycle.**
2	The grocery store sells goods. What service does it provide to consumers?	**It stocks products, helps shoppers, and sells goods to people who need them.**
3	What does a customer pay the barber to do? What does a rider pay the bus company to do?	**A customer pays the barber for a haircut, and a rider pays the bus company for a trip.**
4	A jar of jam passes through the farm, factory, and grocery store. Which one provides a service to consumers, and how is its work different?	**The grocery store provides a service by selling the jam to consumers. The farm grows strawberries, and the factory makes jam.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

An umbrella rental business lends families umbrellas for a fee. A repair shop fixes leaky rain boots so children can walk to school with dry feet. Both businesses belong to the tertiary sector because customers pay for the help they provide, not for goods the businesses make.

Accept other passage-supported descriptions of each service. For Part 3, accept any two plausible businesses that provide services to consumers and an accurate explanation of why they belong in the tertiary sector.