Creek Update Clues

Listen to a recorded practice notice and assess its message and credibility.

6.DL.12 "Interpret language to determine subject, occasion, audience, purpose, and credibility of digital sources, with guidance and support."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Teacher: record these three paragraphs on a classroom device. Give students only the questions/response sheet (PDF page 2); retain this source page and key. Play twice, replay on request, and collect first answers before sharing this page to mark supporting words.

Practice Recording: Willow Creek Cleanup

1. This update appears on the Riverbend Parks Department website. I am Jordan Lee, a parks worker who helps plan volunteer days, and I posted it on Thursday morning. Heavy rain on Tuesday pushed cups, food wrappers, and leaves onto the path beside Willow Creek. Our crew cleared fallen branches, but small pieces of litter remain near the footbridge. This Saturday, our department is holding a creek cleanup from 9 to 11 a.m. We want nearby families and middle school volunteers to know what happened and how to help.

2. If you can join us, meet at the footbridge entrance to Willow Creek Park at 9 a.m. Wear closed-toe shoes, and bring work gloves if you have them. Parks staff will provide bags and show volunteers which areas are safe to reach. Please leave sharp objects where they are and tell a staff member instead. We hope to fill at least twenty bags by the end of the morning. Sign up through the volunteer form on our department's website so we can bring enough supplies for everyone.

3. Some online posts make big claims about the creek. A neighborhood blog calls Willow Creek the most polluted stream in Riverbend, but the post does not name a testing group. A shared flyer says last year's cleanup removed 600 pounds of trash, yet it does not say who weighed it. Those claims may be worth checking before you repeat them. Our department can confirm the time, meeting place, and supplies for this event because our staff is organizing it. For water quality facts, look for test results from a local agency.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. After listening, what is this post mainly about, and what happened that made the update timely?

2. Who is this post meant to reach? Give a clue from the text.

3. What does Jordan Lee want readers to do? Which words make that purpose clear?

4. Why can readers trust the event details more than the two claims from other online posts?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

With a partner, record a three- or four-sentence fictional community notice. Exchange recordings and listen without the scripts. Write three sentences identifying the subject and occasion, audience and purpose, and one credibility clue or claim to check.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Teacher: record these three paragraphs on a classroom device. Give students only the questions/response sheet (PDF page 2); retain this source page and key. Play twice, replay on request, and collect first answers before sharing this page to mark supporting words. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	After listening, what is this post mainly about, and what happened that made the update timely?	**It is about a Willow Creek cleanup. Heavy rain on Tuesday left litter near the creek, and the cleanup is this Saturday.**
2	Who is this post meant to reach? Give a clue from the text.	**It is meant for nearby families and middle school volunteers. The first paragraph names both groups.**
3	What does Jordan Lee want readers to do? Which words make that purpose clear?	**Lee wants readers to join the cleanup. The post says, "If you can join us," and asks them to sign up.**
4	Why can readers trust the event details more than the two claims from other online posts?	**Lee works for the department organizing the event, so its staff can confirm the details. The blog names no testing group, and the flyer does not say who weighed the trash.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The message announces a chess club move after a power outage. It addresses club members and families so they go to the community center. The speaker names a library role, but before acting on a real notice I would check the dated library events page.

Teacher preparation: record the full practice script using a clear speaking voice; the places and claims are fictional. Do not give listeners the transcript first. Accept the four supported answers in students' own words. The partner task requires recording and playback, not script reading; check the subject, occasion, audience, purpose, and one supported credibility clue or claim to verify. A named role is a credibility clue, not proof.