# Beyond First Impressions

Use story details to test what a character believes.

**6.RL.2.c** "Identify key textual details to support the analysis."

NAME _____ DATE _____

## 1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline two details that show what Nia thinks about Mr. Bell, and circle two details that show what he actually does.

### The Little Library

1 On Monday, Nia found the little free library outside her apartment building with its door hanging open. Rain had curled the pages of three books and soaked the cardboard floor. She carried the books upstairs, but the library still needed repairs. Mr. Bell passed with his toolbox. He glanced at the library and kept walking. Nia tightened her jaw. He always had tools in his hand, yet he had not even asked if she needed help.

2 After school, Nia came back with a towel and a square of cardboard for the library's wet floor. She wiped the shelf dry and laid the cardboard inside, but each time she closed the door, the loose hinge dropped it open again. Across the courtyard, Mr. Bell stood beside the recycling bins, measuring a piece of clear plastic. Nia looked away. She did not want him to see that her careful work had failed. A gust blew the cardboard loose, and she chased it between the parked bicycles.

3 Mr. Bell crossed the courtyard and held out the plastic. “The old floor is rotten,” he said. “I needed to find a piece that fit.” He steadied the library while Nia slid the plastic into place, then showed her how to tighten the hinge. Together they returned the dry books. Nia picked up a pencil and wrote, “Please close the door,” on a scrap of paper. Mr. Bell taped the sign beside the handle. When rain began again, the books stayed dry.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why does Nia first think Mr. Bell will not help? Use a detail from the first paragraph to support your answer.

2. Which two details show that Nia tries to fix the library herself before Mr. Bell speaks?

3. Which detail hints that Mr. Bell is preparing to help, even before he explains himself? Explain your choice.

4. How does the repair show Nia and Mr. Bell working together? Support your answer with two actions from the last paragraph.

## 3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

In two sentences, explain why Nia writes the sign. Support your inference with two details from different paragraphs.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 6 · 6.RL.2.c

## PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two details that show what Nia thinks about Mr. Bell, and circle two details that show what he actually does. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

## PART 2 · ANSWERS

| # | QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| 1 | Why does Nia first think Mr. Bell will not help? Use a detail from the first paragraph to support your answer. | **She thinks he will not help because he sees the damaged library and keeps walking without asking if she needs help.** |
| 2 | Which two details show that Nia tries to fix the library herself before Mr. Bell speaks? | **She wipes the shelf dry and lays cardboard inside. She also tries to close the door, but its loose hinge drops it open.** |
| 3 | Which detail hints that Mr. Bell is preparing to help, even before he explains himself? Explain your choice. | **He measures a piece of clear plastic near the recycling bins. He later brings it over to replace the library's rotten floor.** |
| 4 | How does the repair show Nia and Mr. Bell working together? Support your answer with two actions from the last paragraph. | **Mr. Bell steadies the library while Nia slides the plastic into place. He also shows her how to tighten the hinge.** |

## PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Nia writes the sign so future readers will close the door and keep the books dry. In the first paragraph, rain damages three books, and in the last paragraph, Nia puts up the sign just before rain returns.

Accept other supported inferences about Nia's first impression or her reason for writing the sign. For the open task, look for two relevant details from different paragraphs.