Pick Your Read

Use a reading purpose to choose an informational text.

7.RI.10.b "Self-select texts for personal enjoyment, interest, and academic tasks."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the four book titles in the passage. Circle one clue near each title that could help you decide whether to read it.

Four Books About Ice

1 At the library's winter display, four nonfiction books share one topic: ice. Maya has only twenty minutes to read today, but she can borrow a book for later. She wants a true story with people and suspense for a relaxing bus ride. For science class, she needs facts she can use in a short explanation. The books' descriptions help her compare what each text offers before she opens one. Even though the topic is the same, the books may suit different reasons for reading.

2 *The Night the Bridge Froze* follows a real town during a sudden cold snap. Neighbors notice ice on a footbridge, and a city worker must decide whether to close it before sunrise. The book tells events in order and includes the voices of people who were there. *Why Ice Floats* takes a different approach. Its short sections explain how water changes as it freezes and why lake ice forms on the surface first. A glossary defines words such as density and molecule.

3 *Keeping Sidewalks Safe* compares ways cities deal with winter ice, including salt, sand, and clearing snow before it hardens. It gives reasons each method works and notes possible costs, such as damage to plants from road salt. *Ice on Other Worlds* explores evidence of frozen water on Mars and some moons in our solar system. It explains what spacecraft can measure from far away and what questions scientists still have. Maya cannot read all four today, so she checks which description fits her purpose best.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Maya wants a suspenseful true story for her bus ride. Which book should she choose, and what clue supports your choice?

2. Which book would help Maya explain why lake ice forms on the surface first? What feature might help her understand unfamiliar words?

3. For a report comparing the benefits and costs of ways to handle icy sidewalks, which book should Maya select? Give one detail that makes it useful.

4. You are curious about how scientists study ice beyond Earth. Which book fits your interest, and what in its description tells you so?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose a topic you care about that is not ice. Invent titles for two nonfiction texts you would seek, one for enjoyment and one for a school task; in four sentences, explain why each fits, what clue you would check in each, and which you would read first.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the four book titles in the passage. Circle one clue near each title that could help you decide whether to read it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maya wants a suspenseful true story for her bus ride. Which book should she choose, and what clue supports your choice?	***The Night the Bridge Froze*. It follows a sudden cold snap and a worker's decision about closing a footbridge.**
2	Which book would help Maya explain why lake ice forms on the surface first? What feature might help her understand unfamiliar words?	***Why Ice Floats*. Its glossary defines words such as density and molecule.**
3	For a report comparing the benefits and costs of ways to handle icy sidewalks, which book should Maya select? Give one detail that makes it useful.	***Keeping Sidewalks Safe*. It compares methods and notes costs, including damage to plants from road salt.**
4	You are curious about how scientists study ice beyond Earth. Which book fits your interest, and what in its description tells you so?	***Ice on Other Worlds*. It discusses frozen water on Mars and moons and what spacecraft can measure.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

For fun, I would choose *Riders on the Ramp* because true stories about skateboarders sound exciting. For a science report on friction, I would choose *Wheels and Surfaces* because it explains how different materials affect grip. I would check the first book's description for interviews and the second book's contents for a section on friction. I would read *Wheels and Surfaces* first because the report is due soon.

Accept any circled passage clues that help a reader judge a book's fit. For Your Turn, look for two distinct reading purposes, a relevant clue for each invented text, and a reason for the reading order.