Credit the Evidence

Use another writer's findings without making them your own.

7.W.8.c "Quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Number the three report titles 1, 2, and 3 in order of appearance. For each report, underline a sentence that gives its data and circle its quoted conclusion so you can track what needs credit.

Three Reports, Three Findings

(1) During lunch, seventh graders wondered whether birds preferred the sunny pavement or the shaded garden near their school. They wrote a report called the Courtyard Bird Count. For five lunch periods, they recorded bird visits in each spot during the same ten-minute window. Their report lists 18 bird visits to the garden and 9 to the pavement. The researchers concluded, "The shaded garden drew more birds during our count." A bird might have visited more than once, so these totals count visits, not individual birds.

(2) Another group investigated the route to class after lunch. In their Hallway Sound Survey, 24 students answered a question about the hall near the cafeteria. Sixteen said it was too noisy to hold a conversation without raising their voices. The group concluded, "A quieter route may help students reach class ready to work." The survey did not test whether noise changed anyone's schoolwork. Still, its results gave the writers a reason to suggest trying a different route. A newsletter writer should credit the group and avoid claiming that noise lowered grades.

(3) Meanwhile, the Library Seat Check focused on a different problem: finding space to study at lunch. Student researchers counted occupied library seats at the same time on two days. Twelve of 30 seats were occupied on Monday, and 21 of 30 were occupied on Friday. Their conclusion was, "Moving a few tables could make shared study easier." The counts show a change in how many seats were used, but they do not explain why more students came on Friday. A writer reporting these findings should keep that difference in mind.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In your own words, report the bird-visit numbers and name the report that supplied them.

2. Quote the bird researchers' conclusion exactly and name the report it came from.

3. Without quotation marks or copied wording, restate the hallway group's conclusion and name its survey.

4. A draft says, "Sixteen students said the hall near the cafeteria was too noisy to talk without raising their voices." Rewrite it so readers know the source of that result.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about the library findings. Paraphrase the seat counts and name their source in the first sentence, then quote the researchers' conclusion exactly and credit them in the second.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.W.8.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Number the three report titles 1, 2, and 3 in order of appearance. For each report, underline a sentence that gives its data and circle its quoted conclusion so you can track what needs credit. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In your own words, report the bird-visit numbers and name the report that supplied them.	**According to the Courtyard Bird Count, the students recorded twice as many bird visits to the garden, 18, as to the pavement, 9.**
2	Quote the bird researchers' conclusion exactly and name the report it came from.	**The researchers behind the Courtyard Bird Count concluded, "The shaded garden drew more birds during our count."**
3	Without quotation marks or copied wording, restate the hallway group's conclusion and name its survey.	**The Hallway Sound Survey group thought using a less noisy path might help students feel prepared for class.**
4	A draft says, "Sixteen students said the hall near the cafeteria was too noisy to talk without raising their voices." Rewrite it so readers know the source of that result.	**According to the Hallway Sound Survey, 16 students said the hall near the cafeteria was too noisy for a conversation without raised voices.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

According to the Library Seat Check, 12 of 30 library seats were in use on Monday, compared with 21 of 30 on Friday. The Library Seat Check researchers concluded, "Moving a few tables could make shared study easier."

Accept accurate paraphrases that preserve the source's limits, including that the bird totals count visits, not individual birds. Quoted conclusions must match the passage exactly and be credited to the correct group or report.