



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 4

Answer Key

The Cleanup Crew

Priya noticed the litter along Cedar Creek every time she walked her dog after school. Plastic bottles, food wrappers, and even an old sneaker had piled up along the bank. She loved the creek, and seeing it filled with trash made her feel frustrated and a little sad. One evening, instead of just complaining about it, Priya decided to do something. She made a simple flyer asking neighbors to help with a creek cleanup on Saturday morning.

On Saturday, only four people showed up, not the crowd Priya had imagined. Worse, it started to drizzle right as they arrived. Priya almost wanted to call the whole thing off, but her neighbor, Mr. Alvarez, reminded her that even a small effort was better than no effort at all. The group pulled on gloves, grabbed trash bags, and got to work anyway.

By the time the rain stopped an hour later, the five of them had filled eleven bags of trash. A few other neighbors, curious about the group in raincoats along the creek, wandered over and ended up joining in too. Word spread through the neighborhood, and by the following month, Priya's small Saturday cleanup had grown into a monthly event with more than thirty volunteers. Priya learned that a big change usually starts with just one small, determined step.

Circle the Correct Answer

1. What problem did Priya notice along Cedar Creek?

Answer: b) The creek was filled with litter

2. How many people showed up to the first cleanup?

Answer: a) Four

3. What almost made Priya want to cancel the cleanup?

Answer: c) It started to rain and the turnout was small

4. What convinced Priya to keep going with the cleanup?

Answer: a) Mr. Alvarez reminded her a small effort still mattered

True or False

5. Priya organized the cleanup after seeing litter along the creek.

Answer: True

6. A large crowd of volunteers showed up on the very first Saturday.

Answer: False

7. By the next month, the cleanup had grown into a bigger monthly event.

Answer: True

Fill in the Blank

8. Seeing the trash in the creek made Priya feel _____ and a little sad.

Answer: frustrated

9. Priya made a simple _____ asking neighbors to help with the cleanup.

Answer: flyer

Think and Explain

10. What is the main idea of this story? Explain it in one or two sentences.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting that small actions can lead to big change, or that one person's effort can inspire others to get involved.

11. Why do you think other neighbors joined in after seeing the group working in the rain? Use details from the story to support your answer.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting that seeing people working hard despite the rain likely showed neighbors the effort was serious and worthwhile, making them curious or inspired to help too.