



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 6

Answer Key

The Class Election

Maya had wanted to run for class president since fourth grade, and now, in sixth grade, she finally worked up the courage to do it. Her opponent was Carter, a popular and confident classmate who had campaigned hard, plastering the hallways with posters. A week before the vote, Maya's best friend, Elena, pulled her aside with troubling news. "I heard Carter got in trouble at his old school for cheating," Elena whispered. "If you tell people, you'll probably win."

Maya felt a jolt of temptation. Winning would mean everything she had worked for finally paying off. But something about the idea made her uneasy. She did not know if the rumor was even true, and even if it was, she was not sure it had anything to do with whether Carter would be a good class president now. That night, Maya thought carefully about what kind of leader she wanted to be, not just what kind of winner.

The next day, Maya gave her final campaign speech without mentioning the rumor at all. Instead, she focused on her actual ideas: a monthly suggestion box, a buddy system for new students, and a fairer way to schedule locker assignments. When the votes were counted, Carter won by a narrow margin. Maya was disappointed, but she also felt something she had not expected: real pride in how she had run her campaign. A few weeks later, Carter surprised her by asking if she would help him set up the suggestion box idea after all.

Circle the Correct Answer

1. What news did Elena share with Maya before the election?

Answer: a) A rumor about Carter cheating at his old school

2. Why did Maya decide not to share the rumor about Carter?

Answer: b) She did not know if it was true or relevant to his leadership now

3. What did Maya focus on in her final campaign speech?

Answer: b) Her own ideas, like a suggestion box and buddy system

4. How did the election turn out?

Answer: c) Carter won by a narrow margin

True or False

5. Maya decided to spread the rumor about Carter to help her win.

Answer: False

6. Maya felt proud of how she ran her campaign, even though she lost.

Answer: True

7. Carter later asked Maya to help set up her suggestion box idea.

Answer: True

Fill in the Blank

8. Maya felt a jolt of _____ when Elena told her the rumor about Carter.

Answer: temptation

9. Carter won the election by a narrow _____.

Answer: margin

Think and Explain

10. What is the theme, or life lesson, of this story? Explain it in one or two sentences.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers about integrity mattering more than winning, or that how you compete matters as much as the outcome.

11. Why do you think the author included the detail that Carter later asked Maya to help with her suggestion box idea? Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting that this detail shows Maya's integrity was recognized and valued even though she lost, and it reinforces the story's theme that honest effort has its own rewards.