

Reading Comprehension: Seven Chairs - ANSWER KEY

Grade 5 | Reading an original story to analyze characters, vocabulary and theme

Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

1. Why does the club need more members?

- a) The club room is too small.
- b) The tournament requires a team of six. (Evidence: "requires a team of six")**
- c) Ms. Okafor is leaving.
- d) Priya wants to quit.

2. How are Priya's and Jonah's first reactions to the problem different?

- a) Priya thinks nothing can change; Jonah starts looking for a solution. (Evidence: "We can't change that.")**
- b) Both of them want to cancel the club.
- c) Jonah is worried; Priya makes a plan.
- d) Both think chess is boring.

3. In paragraph 4, the word "skeptical" most nearly means:

- a) excited
- b) doubtful (Evidence: "Priya was skeptical at first, but")**
- c) tired
- d) angry

4. What happened right after the cafeteria table was set up?

- a) The team won a trophy.
- b) Eleven students stopped by during the week. (Evidence: "By Friday, eleven students had stopped by")**
- c) Ms. Okafor canceled the tournament.
- d) Jonah quit the club.

5. What is a theme of this story? Support your answer with a detail from the text.

Sample answer: A theme is that making something welcoming for beginners can matter more than winning. The team only finished in the middle, but Priya realized the club had become a place where everyone was welcome.