

Reading Comprehension: The New Recess Rule - Answer Key

3rd Grade - short passage comprehension | 15 minutes

Read the passage:

Maya's class had a problem. At recess, everyone wanted the new red ball, but there was only one. Some days it ended in an argument, and a few students stopped going outside at all. Mr. Lopez asked the class for ideas. After a long talk, they made a plan: each grade would use the ball on different days, and a sign-up sheet would hang by the door. The next week, recess felt calmer. "We solved it together," Maya said. "Now everyone gets a turn."

Read the passage. Then answer each question in a complete sentence using details from the text.

1. What problem did Maya's class have at recess?

Answer: Everyone wanted the one new red ball, which led to arguments. (Sample answer.)

2. Who asked the class for ideas?

Answer: Mr. Lopez, the teacher.

3. What plan did the class make to solve the problem?

Answer: Each grade would use the ball on different days, with a sign-up sheet by the door.

4. How did recess feel after the plan started?

Answer: Calmer, and everyone got a turn.

5. What is the main idea of this passage?

Answer: The class solved a shared problem by working together and making a fair plan. (Sample answer.)

Challenge

6. Why do you think a sign-up sheet helped? Use the text to explain.

Answer: Answers will vary; it made turns fair and clear so there were fewer arguments.