

Reading Comprehension: The Class Vote - Answer Key

4th Grade - passage comprehension and inference | 18 minutes

Read the passage:

Room 12 had earned a reward, and Mr. Ortega let the class choose where to go. He wrote three choices on the board: the science museum, the zoo, and the aquarium. Each student got one vote. The zoo took an early lead, but when all the votes were counted, the aquarium and the zoo were tied with eleven votes each. The science museum had only eight. 'We need a fair way to break the tie,' Mr. Ortega said. The class agreed that the eight students who had picked the museum would choose between the two leaders. Most of them liked the idea of seeing animals they could never see at the zoo, so they voted for the aquarium. The aquarium won, and even the students who had wanted the zoo agreed the vote had been fair.

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

1. What three choices did Mr. Ortega write on the board?

Answer: The science museum, the zoo, and the aquarium.

2. What was the result when all the votes were first counted?

Answer: The aquarium and the zoo were tied with 11 votes each; the museum had 8.

3. How did the class break the tie?

Answer: The 8 students who had voted for the museum chose between the two leaders.

4. Why did most of the museum voters choose the aquarium?

Answer: They liked the idea of seeing animals they could never see at the zoo.

5. What is the main idea of the passage?

Answer: The class chose a reward trip fairly by voting and then breaking a tie. (Sample answer.)

Challenge

6. Why did even the students who wanted the zoo agree the vote was fair? Use the text to explain.

Answer: Answers will vary; everyone got one vote and the tie was broken by a clear, agreed-on rule. (Must reference the text.)