

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Author's Reasons/Evidence

Read the short story and answer each question.



Read to Succeed

Reading isn't just something you do at school. It's one of the most powerful tools you can use every day. Whether you read books, articles, or graphic novels, reading helps you in more ways than you might think.

Point 1: Reading Builds Vocabulary

When you read, you come across words you may not hear in everyday conversations. According to one study, students who read for 20 minutes a day are exposed to nearly **2 million** words each year. That's a lot of new words you can learn just by reading what you enjoy!

Point 2: Reading Improves Focus and Memory

Reading helps you stay focused. When you follow a story or try to understand a text, your brain practices paying attention. This also builds your memory—remembering characters, details, and plot helps your brain grow stronger.

Point 3: Reading Helps You in Every Subject

Reading doesn't just help in language arts. Strong readers do better in science, social studies, and even math. That's because reading helps you understand directions, questions, and word problems. A teacher at Westview Elementary said her strongest readers are often top students in all subjects.

Reading every day—even for just 20 minutes—can make a big difference in how you think, speak, and learn.



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1. Which reason does the author give for why reading builds vocabulary?

- A. It makes you want to read out loud
- B. You see and learn new words in text
- C. It's easier than writing
- D. Reading comes with a dictionary

2. How does the author support the idea that reading helps in every subject?

- A. By listing famous authors
- B. By giving a quote from a teacher
- C. By showing a comic strip
- D. By describing a spelling test

3. Fill in the blank:

The author gives a reason and _____ to support each point about why reading helps kids.

4. Choose one point from the passage. What reason and what evidence does the author use to support it?

5. Do you agree with the author's claim that reading helps in every subject? Why or why not? Use examples from the text.



Instructional Guide

Guide Reading Level: Q

Lexile Level: 735L-885L

Grade Level: 4th Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Persuasive Nonfiction – Literacy

Introducing the Text

“Today we’ll read a persuasive article about why it’s important to read every day. The author shares points and backs them up with reasons and evidence. We’ll talk about how to identify those parts and explain how they make the argument stronger.”

Vocabulary: vocabulary, focus, memory, subject, evidence

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Why do some people say reading is important?
 2. What do you like to read, and when?
 3. How can reading help in other areas of life?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What point is the author trying to make in each section?
 2. What kind of evidence does the author use?
 3. How does the teacher’s quote support the author’s idea?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Which point did you find most convincing?
 2. How does the author use facts or quotes to support the argument?
 3. What is one other reason you would give to support the idea of daily reading?
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Activity Idea

Have students create a one-page persuasive poster titled “Why You Should Read Every Day.” They must include at least two reasons and one piece of evidence from the article, as well as one reason or example of their own.

