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Grocery Store Bags

In this passage, Margo and Ernest talk about grocery store bags.

Margo:

I always bring my own cloth bags to the grocery store. I never use paper or plastic bags. I reuse my bags again and again. I do this because less trash is good for the earth.

One grocery store makes you pay for their bags now. There is a charge of five cents for each bag you take. This is a good idea, because it might make more people bring their own bags. I do not want to spend extra money on something I will just throw away. Other people might not want to, either.

Ernest:

I always ask for plastic bags at the grocery store. I never choose paper bags. I reuse the plastic bags again and again. I use them as trash bags in my trash cans at home. I also use them to pack a lunch to take to work. If I have too many bags, I can take them back to the store. The store will recycle them for me. But there is a grocery store that now makes you buy the plastic bags for five cents each. I will not shop there anymore. I do not want to pay for something that I can get for free at another store.



1) Margo says, "I do this because less trash is good for the earth." This statement is intended to

- A. give an example
- B. add a detail
- C. explain a problem
- D. provide a reason

2) What does Ernest do if he has too many bags?

- A. throw them away
- B. take them back to the store
- C. use them as trash bags
- D. use them to pack a lunch

Answers and Explanations

1) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

Margo says, "I do this because less trash is good for the earth." To understand what Margo means by this statement, we need to look at the sentence that comes before it. In the previous sentence, Margo says, "I reuse my bags again and again." From this information, we can understand that the reason why Margo reuses bags again and again is because less trash is good for the earth. Margo provides a reason to explain an earlier statement. This tells us that this statement is intended to provide a reason. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

This statement does not contain an example or a detail. This eliminates choices **(A)** and **(B)**.

Although this statement does explain something, it explains the reason why Margo reuses bags again and again. It does not explain a problem. This means **(C)** is incorrect. ?

2) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Ernest says, "If I have too many bags, I can take them back to the store." This tells us that if Ernest has too many bags, he takes them back to the store. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

Ernest does not say that he throws bags away. Instead, he says, "I reuse the plastic bags again and again." This means **(A)** is incorrect.

Ernest says, "I use them as trash bags in my trash cans at home." But this explains how Ernest reuses bags. It is not what Ernest does if he has too many bags. This makes **(C)** incorrect.

Ernest says, "I also use the bags to pack a lunch to take to work." But this explains how Ernest reuses bags. It is not what Ernest does if he has too many bags. This means **(D)** is incorrect.

3) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Ernest says, "But there is a grocery store that now makes you buy the plastic bags for five cents each. I will not shop there anymore. I do not want to pay for something that I can get for free at another store." This tells us that Ernest does not want to pay for bags because he can get bags for free at another store. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

Margo says, "I do not want to spend extra money on something I will just throw away." This means that it is Margo who will not pay for bags because she will just throw them away, not Ernest. This makes **(A)** incorrect.

Ernest may think five cents is too expensive, but the reason he gives for not paying for bags is that he or she can get bags for free at another store. This means **(B)** is incorrect.

Ernest may already have lots of bags at home, but the reason he gives for not paying for bags is that he or she can get bags for free at another store. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

4) B

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

Margo says, "I always bring my own cloth bags to the grocery store." Earnest says, "I always ask for plastic bags at the grocery store." This lets us know that both Margo and Earnest shop at the grocery store. Therefore choice **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.