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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

3)	Ernest does not want to pay for bags because he
	A. will just throw them away
	B. thinks five cents is too expensive
	C. can get bags for free at another store
	D. already has lots of bags at home
4)	What can the reader conclude about BOTH Margo AND Ernest?
	A. The both like to use plastic bags.
	B. They both shop at the grocery store.
	C. They both think stores should not make customers pay for bags.
	D. They both believe paper bags are the best.
5)	Do you think that it is a good idea for stores to make customers pay for plastic bags? Why or why not? Explain your answer.