Reading

Do Now

May 11-15,2020

Read the passage below. Answer one question per day. Your response must be written in complete sentences. Be sure to support your writing using evidence from the text.

In the Neighborhood

Ahn vigorously scrubbed windows, a tedious necessity for her family's new Vietnamese restaurant. They had turned the building from homely to gorgeous, but everything had to be absolutely perfect: unique decorations, skillful employees, and fabulous traditional food. Then customers would adore the place, making the business a success.

Ahn shifted her vision to look outside the restaurant as a girl about her age, with abundant red hair, strolled up the street. Ahn’s family had recently moved to this neighborhood, so she had few friends.

The girl paused to study the sign announcing their opening and then looked directly at Ahn with a friendly smile. Ahn smiled back shyly and lifted a hand, accidentally waving with the cleaning cloth. The girl laughed at her amusement and waved back in acknowledgment.

Ahn hesitated, not accustomed to initiating friendship, but she felt courageous, so on a whim she opened the door. "Hello," she said, adding the first thing that entered her head, "do you like Vietnamese food?"

"I don't know, but I like to try new things,” the girl remarked, and then she introduced herself as Gabriela.

Ahn could not think of additional conversation until she had a sudden idea. "Please wait here," she requested, "and I'll be right back." She ran into the adjoining kitchen and explained her idea to her father. He was sympathetic, so seconds later Ahn presented a small package to Gabriela. "Some Vietnamese candy for you to try,” she explained. “If you enjoy it, I hope you'll return to the restaurant sometime, or even visit after school when I'll be here preparing for the dinner service."

"Excellent, I'll see you around soon.” Gabriela headed down the street, glancing back with a cheerful wave. Ahn spent the remainder of the afternoon hoping Gabriela really would return and not think Ahn’s gift was weird.

The following day, Ahn assembled bouquets of artificial flowers, orchids that would never wilt. She was admiring her accomplishment when she heard unexpected tapping and turned to see Gabriela beckoning to her with a plate covered with transparent plastic wrap. Ahn grinned with enthusiasm and opened the door with a cordial greeting.

Gabriela presented the plate and said, "I brought biscuits made from my grandmother's recipe to thank you for the delicious candy.”

"Come in, and we can have some biscuits right now," Ahn stammered, happy inside.

Gabriela entered and rotated to scan the room with its picturesque landscape mural. "Thanks, they really are wonderful, and I'm fascinated to see your restaurant."

As they snacked on the treats, Ahn fumbled for conversation and considered an offer. "Are you good with vocabulary?” she inquired. "I intend to design a publicity pamphlet for the restaurant, and I could use some assistance."

"Certainly!" Gabriela said, adding, "I'm delighted you moved into the neighborhood and thrilled I have a new friend."

Ahn grinned, now positive that the restaurant would make a wondrous impression on the community, that customers would be plentiful, and that she was going to enjoy life here immensely.

Monday-May 11

1. Gabriela says she does not know if she likes Vietnamese food. What is the most likely reason she doesn't know the answer to this question? What clues in the text suggest the reason?

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Tuesday-May 12

1. What point of view is used to tell the story, and how can you tell?

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Wednesday-May 13

1. Ahn chooses to greet a girl she does not know. What happens as a result from this decision?

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Thursday-May 14

1. This story is about two girls beginning a friendship. What do they do to become friends? Include several examples from the text

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Friday-May 15 Using context clues from the sentences in the passage, circle the correct meaning of the word in bold print.

1. Ahn **vigorously** scrubbed windows, a tedious necessity for her family's new Vietnamese restaurant

a. carefully

b. with great force; energetically

c. slowly; lazily

d. angrily; crossly

2. They had turned the building from **homely** to gorgeous.

a. cozy; like a home b. acceptable or satisfactory

c. casual; informal d. ugly or unattractive