Read and discover

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.

Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.

Read the original text. Answer all questions using the information given. Write short answers unless a question asks for more.

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The school council discussed replacing an unused concrete area with a small garden. Supporters said that it would provide shade and a place to observe plants. Others worried about the cost of watering and the loss of space for assemblies. The gardening club proposed a trial using movable pots rather than permanent beds. A teacher suggested measuring how the area was actually used before making a final decision. The council agreed to record activities for two weeks and ask pupils with different needs for their views. Members discovered that a useful debate was not simply a contest between two confident speakers; it required evidence, practical alternatives and a willingness to revise a proposal.

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Try it yourself

1. What change was proposed?

2. Give one expected benefit.

3. Give one concern.

4. What trial did the gardening club propose?

5. What evidence would the council collect?

6. What view of debate does the final sentence challenge?

Build better sentences

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Understand the idea

Read the whole sentence. Check who or what it is about, the time, and how the words fit together.
Example: She plays every day. Yesterday she played.
Complete each activity. Check meaning, grammar, spelling and punctuation. Say your corrected sentences aloud.
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Try it yourself

1. Use however to connect a benefit and a concern.

2. Change to passive: The council will record activities.

3. Complete: If the trial succeeds, the school ___ consider permanent beds.

4. Correct: Everyone have a different view.

5. Write the noun from propose.

6. Use rather than in a sentence describing the trial.

7. Identify the modal: The cost might increase.

8. Rewrite more formally: We need to find out what people reckon.