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 advertisement promised a perfect morning in a single cup. A smiling student stood beside a spotless desk, while a golden sunrise filled the window. Beneath the image, a small line admitted that individual experiences might vary. I had been awake late, trying to finish an assignment, and the promise seemed written for me. Yet the drink could not organise my notes, change my deadline or give me the hours I had lost. Later, I noticed how the picture did most of the persuading. The words offered energy; the image offered an entire life in which nothing went wrong. I made an ordinary cup of tea and began by writing a realistic list.

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Try it yourself

1. What does the advertisement explicitly promise?

2. Give two visual details that make the life seem ideal.

3. Why is the narrator initially receptive?

4. Explain the contrast between the words and the image.

5. What practical action does the narrator take?

6. What does the ending suggest about the narrator's changed attitude?

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. Identify the narrative viewpoint.

2. Choose a short quotation that supports the main message, and explain it.

3. Rewrite this absolute claim cautiously: Every visitor will feel welcome.

4. Change to passive: Volunteers opened the gate.

5. Combine with although: The sign was visible. People hesitated.

6. Correct: The effect of the pictures are powerful.

7. Explain why a writer might end with a short practical action.

8. Write a sentence that distinguishes evidence from an assumption.