Year 2 reading comprehension: Library Closing on Mondays

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Hard

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 3 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–3.

Library Closing on Mondays

Wattle Bay Library will close on Mondays from the start of next term, the council has announced.

A spokesperson said fewer people visit on Mondays than on any other day.

The money saved will pay for new books.

Dear Editor,

Every Monday my brother and I walk to the library after school and wait for Mum to finish work at six.

The librarian lets us read at the big table, and she knows my favourite books.

If the library is shut, we will have to sit outside the chemist.

I think the council counted the visits but not the children who need the library.

Yours sincerely, Lily Tran

1. Why did Lily write the letter?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** She wants a free book from the council.
- ○ **B** She wants the librarian to lose her job.
- ○ **C** She wants to tell everyone about the new books.
- ○ **D** She hopes the council will change its mind.

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2. How does Lily feel about the library closing?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** worried
- ○ **B** calm about the closing
- ○ **C** pleased about the new books
- ○ **D** bored of waiting for Mum

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3. What does Lily mean by ‘counted the visits but not the children who need the library’?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** The numbers do not show how much some children rely on it.
- ○ **B** The council cannot count.
- ○ **C** The council counted the children by mistake.
- ○ **D** The text does not say.

Answer key

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1. D — She hopes the council will change its mind.

The text says: “If the library is shut, we will have to sit outside the chemist. I think the council counted the visits but not the children who need the library.” People write to a paper to ask for a decision to change. Lily hopes the council will change its mind.

2. A — worried

The text says: “If the library is shut, we will have to sit outside the chemist. I think the council counted the visits but not the children who need the library.” A child who writes to complain is upset about a change. Lily feels worried.

3. A — The numbers do not show how much some children rely on it.

The text says: “I think the council counted the visits but not the children who need the library.” A total can hide the people who need something most. The numbers do not show how much some children rely on the library.