

READ THE PASSAGE Look for reasons things happen. Notice facts and opinions.

Class Helpers

Mrs. Lopez looks around her class and smiles. She is the teacher, but today she isn't teaching. Today her students are helping each other learn.

Sal and Hannah are sitting across from each other. They are helping each other learn math. Sal holds up a flashcard. It is made of thick white paper. Sal sees the number 8 on his side of the card. Hannah reads "17 minus 9" on her side. "Eight," says Hannah.

"Right!" says Sal. Then he holds up another flashcard.

Toby and Juan sit on pillows in the book nook. They are practicing their readers' theater parts. "I like the way you read that part," said Toby. "You made it funny."

The students in Mrs. Lopez's class know something important. Learning is easier and more fun when you do it together.

SKILL PRACTICE Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Mrs. Lopez smiles because _____.

- Ⓐ the class is very quiet
- Ⓑ she made the flashcards
- Ⓒ she knows all number facts
- Ⓓ her students are working together

2. Toby thinks Juan's part is interesting because _____.

- Ⓐ it is a good story
- Ⓑ he likes Juan
- Ⓒ Juan reads it well
- Ⓓ he and Juan sit together

3. Which one is a fact?

- Ⓐ Sitting on pillows is better than sitting on chairs.
- Ⓑ Math is more fun than reading.
- Ⓒ Mrs. Lopez is the best teacher.
- Ⓓ Sal's flashcard is made of thick paper.

4. Which one is an opinion?

- Ⓐ Toby likes the way Juan reads.
- Ⓑ Flashcards are made of paper.
- Ⓒ Mrs. Lopez is a teacher.
- Ⓓ Hannah gets the right answer.

STRATEGY PRACTICE Underline a part in the passage you saw clearly in your mind.