

READ THE PASSAGE Ask yourself why the author wrote this and what will happen next.

Carla's Treasures

Carla didn't walk fast. She kept her eyes looking at the ground. Carla was always on the lookout for treasures. Her dad had built a bookcase to hold what Carla found. She had carefully organized the things.

The top shelf held bird treasures. Most items were feathers that Carla had found. Some were wing feathers and some were tail feathers. A nest of grass, string, and twigs lay at the end of the shelf. It had fallen from a tree in the park. Rocks and stones sat on the middle shelf. A few rocks were black and were made by volcanoes. Some of the pebbles were shiny. The bottom shelf held a variety of things. There were a few bones that were probably from a chicken. And there was a long piece of skin a lizard had shed.

Carla cleared a space on the bottom shelf. Today she was going to the beach!

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. What was the author's purpose for writing this text?

2. In what way are all of Carla's treasures alike?

3. What "treasures" do you think Carla will find at the beach?

STRATEGY PRACTICE What are some questions you would ask Carla about her treasures?
