



Part 2b: LWR Reading Comprehension

LWR Reading Profile 4

4A Running for Office

Gladys Brooks lived on the south side of Mountain City. She was raising her five children alone, and she didn't have much money. But she found time to work with the South Side Neighbours on housing problems. Gladys became a leader in that group. She got people to work together. And she learned how to speak in public.

Her friends told her, "No one in the city council knows what our life is like. They have never been poor. They have never been out of work for months and months. You should run for city council. You could speak for us."

"I'll have to think about it," Gladys said. She discussed the idea with many people. Everyone told her, "You should run for office."

The South Side Neighbours went from house to house in their neighbourhood. They told everyone to vote for Gladys because she was a good leader.

Gladys Brooks spoke to many groups on the south side. She told them what she would do on the city council. She said she would work for more jobs and childcare centres, low-cost housing, better schools, and safe streets.

1. What part of the city did Gladys Brooks live in? _____
2. What did her friends want Gladys to do?
 - ___ a. Vote for them.
 - ___ b. Run for mayor.
 - ___ c. Run for city council.
3. What was the main reason her friends wanted Gladys to run for office?
 - ___ a. Gladys had a lot of friends who would vote for her.
 - ___ b. Gladys was a good speaker.
 - ___ c. No one on the city council spoke for poor people like them.
4. What experience made Gladys qualified for the city council?

- _____ a. She didn't have much money, and she had four children.
 - _____ b. She was a leader in a neighbourhood group, and she was able to get people to work together.
 - _____ c. She was a mountain climber, and she had a lot of good ideas about what the city needed.
5. What information would be necessary to complete this story?
- _____ a. How many people voted on election day.
 - _____ b. What Gladys's mother thought about her running for office.
 - _____ c. Whether or not Gladys won the election.

4B Senate Hires Babysitters

Government Ministers are now sharing the Senate Office Building with children. The kids are in a new day care centre.

Only a few ministers have children of day care age. The centre is mostly for children of Senate employees.

The day care centre will stay open long hours. This is because working mothers and fathers often stay late when their bosses are in long Senate meetings. "Now when I have to work overtime, I won't have to worry about how to take care of my kids," said one minister's aide.

The Senate spent \$20,000 to start the day care centre. It hopes the centre will pay for itself soon. Parents who use it will pay fees based on their incomes.

Ministers who pushed for the day care centre think it is more than a benefit for their employees. They say it is a message to businesses all over the country. "Quality day care for children of employees is as important a benefit as health insurance," one minister said.

The day care program has its critics. They say ministers who voted for the program were just thinking of themselves. Ministers' offices will run more smoothly if their employees don't have to leave work to care for their children. Ministers are willing to spend tax money for this but not for low-cost day care for the nation's poor, critics claim.

1. Where is the new Senate day care centre? _____
2. How much money was spent to start the Senate day care center?
 - _____ a. Two hundred thousand dollars
 - _____ b. Twenty thousand dollars
 - _____ c. Two thousand dollars
3. Why will the day care centre stay open long hours? _____
4. The day care centre is free for parents who work for the Senate.
 - _____ a. True
 - _____ b. False

5. Some people are critical of the Senate day care program because:
- a. senate employees are highly paid and do not need this benefit.
 - b. ministers should not make parents work overtime.
 - c. ministers are willing to spend tax money for their own good but not for the poor.

LWR 4 Practical Reading

Q1 Want Ads

Use this selection of want ads to answer the questions below:

APARTMENTS—FURNISHED
12 Oak St. 2-bedroom apartment on second floor of quiet family home. Security deposit. Utilities paid. \$510. 336-9080 after 5:30.
APARTMENTS—UNFURNISHED
442 Union Ave. 1 bedroom, eat-in kitchen. Near bus stop, stores. \$395, pay own utilities. Security deposit. 373-6353.
376 Circle Drive. 3 bedrooms, large living room. No pets. Parking. \$445. Heat, hot water. 667-5321.
HELP WANTED
Auto repairs —Work on used cars, 3-5 years' experience needed. Apply in person to City Auto Sales, 350 Dawson St. 2-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
Cook —Experienced and fast. Apply Terry's, 645 Maple St., 9-11 a.m.
Nurse's aide —Will train. Good pay & hours. Friendly person to work with older people. Shaw's Nursing Home. 351 Park Road. 479-7999.

1. Where is the apartment that does not require a security deposit?
2. What time can you phone about the apartment at 12 Oak St.? _____
3. Who pays for the utilities at 12 Oak St., the landlord or the renter? _____
4. Which job does not require experience? _____
5. Should you apply for the job as a cook by phone or in person? _____
6. During what hours can you apply for the auto repair job? _____

Q2 Table of Contents

This is a table of contents from a book about Canadian Government structure. Use the table to answer the questions below it.

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1. What is the title of the first chapter?
2. The chapter about elections begins on what page?
3. 3a. Which chapter tells how members of the Executive are elected?
3b. What page does it start on?
4. 4a. In which chapter could you find information about the Crown and Indigenous peoples? 4b. What page does it start on?