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Reading Comprehension

Fact and Opinion

Read the passage below. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Packing Boy

I couldn't wait to turn 11. That's how old I needed to be to get an after-school job at the food store. My mom had taken me to speak to the manager when I was 10. He told her to bring me back when I turned 11. So, there I was at the food store the day after my 11th birthday, anxious to start working. Finally, I would be making my own money- mine!

The manager of the food store told me that I could start the next day. He told me the starting time would be 4:00 PM and that I would work until 7:30 PM. I had to speak to my mom first before I said yes to him. Mom agreed to me working, but only on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. She did not want my grades to suffer because I didn't have enough time to study and do my homework.

A packing boy's job is not as easy as most people think. I have to pack each customer grocery items into bags, making sure not to break anything or cause anything to get broken. The food store owners do not pay parking boys; we make our money from the tips we receive from customers. Most customers do not tip us because they feel that we do not deserve it. They don't realize that without their tips we will make no money.

Friday and Saturday nights are the best nights of all. Those are the days when I make the most money. I work harder on those days too. More people shop on Fridays and Saturdays than on any other day of the week. I am beginning to save my money. Mom says if I have enough money, I can use it as my spending money when we go to Disney World this summer. She said I could use it to buy the things I really want. I can't wait!

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1. Why was the packing boy anxious to turn eleven?

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2. Why did mom only agree for him to work three days out of the week?

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3. Why do you think she selected those three days?

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4. In paragraph three the packing boy mentions that his job 'is not as easy as most people think.' Write at least TWO details from the passage that support his statement.

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5. According to paragraph four, how are Friday and Saturday nights different from other nights of the week?

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6. If you were the packing boy what would you have liked to spend your money on?

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7.Read each sentence written below carefully. Write **fact** if the sentence can be proven. Write **opinion** if the sentence expresses a thought or feeling.

a. My mom had taken me to the manager when I was 10. _____

b. A packing boy's job is not easy. _____

c. The food store owners do not pay packing boys. _____

Vocabulary

Drag and drop the words below next to the correct definition.

enough	save	easy	customer
tip	buy	money	manager

1. The opposite of difficult. _____

2. The extra payment for services given. _____

3. Just the right amount. _____

4. Another word for funds. _____

5. The same as to purchase. _____

6. The person who ensures the smooth running of a business. _____

7. Put aside for later use. _____

8. A person who receives service from a business place. _____