A Parcel for the Library: Read and Explain

Answer guide. Ask the reader to point to the story evidence.

1–3. Find the details

1: the little library. 2: three books. 3: the sea. Accept short spoken or written answers. Nia carrying a parcel does not tell us that she wrote or bought the books.

4. Event order: 2, 1, 3

The printed order is: books on the shelf (2); rain starts (1); a child reads (3). Read the story chronologically and number each event once.

5. Why put the bag inside her coat?

A supported explanation is that Nia wanted to keep the paper bag, parcel or books dry in the rain. The text describes rain starting and the parcel later going on a dry table. It does not say the paper bag was waterproof. Accept a different explanation only if the child can connect it to evidence.

A discussion about the ending

Nia may be pleased or proud that someone is using the new books. Her smile is evidence for a positive feeling, but a precise emotion is an inference. Talk about possibilities rather than marking only one emotion correct.

Support for developing readers

An adult can read the story aloud, explain unfamiliar words or scribe an answer. The activity checks understanding of this passage; it is not a phonics decodability test or a reading-age assessment.