

Session 1—Reading

Directions

In this part of **ELAP Plus Third Edition**, you will read four passages:

- How to Grow an Avocado Tree
- Camels Keep Cool
- Fall’s Beautiful Show
- A Tale of a Tail

There are multiple-choice questions for you to answer after each passage. Refer to the passage as often as you need to. Then fill in the circle of the best answer to each question.

Now turn the page and begin.

SAMPLE

Read this article. Then answer questions 1 through 6.

How to Grow an Avocado Tree

1 Have you ever eaten an avocado? Avocados are delicious. They are good for breakfast, lunch, or dinner—and avocados are good for you! Eating avocados will help you grow and be strong.

2 Avocados grow on trees. Growing an avocado tree is easy and fun. To grow one, follow these steps:

3 You will need:

- an avocado
- a large glass of water
- four toothpicks
- a plant pot with dirt

4 The first step is the best. You get to eat the avocado! When you are finished, you will find the seed. An avocado seed is large and heavy and looks like a wooden egg. While it does not look like a seed, a tiny plant is inside ready to start growing.

5 Next, get the toothpicks. Ask a grownup to help you push the toothpicks into the middle of the seed. You should make them form an “X.”

6 Fill the glass with water, and then carefully place the seed on the top of the glass. The toothpicks will hold up the seed and keep it from falling inside. Just make sure that the bottom of the seed is touching the water. You will need to refill the glass every day or two so water is always touching the seed.

7 Wait several weeks for the plant to start to grow. One day, you will find that the seed is cracking open. Then, you will see a root growing from the bottom. The root will grow to be several inches long. At last, a green tip will break out of the top of the seed. This is the tip of your tree.

8 Keep watering your new plant as it grows, and be sure it gets light and warmth. Soon it will start to look like a small tree. At this time, you can move it into the plant pot. Dig a small hole and put the root inside. Be sure to leave a little of the seed sticking up from the ground.

9 Avocado trees only grow well in warm areas. If you live in a cold area, you may have to keep the plant indoors as much as you can. If you live in a warm area, you may be able to plant the tree outside. It can take years for the tree to grow tall and strong, but it is worth the wait!



1 Based on the passage, what should you do after a green tip breaks out of the seed?

- (A) Move the plant to a pot.
- (B) Put toothpicks in the seed.
- (C) Put the seed on the glass.
- (D) Fill the glass with water.

2 According to the passage, which should happen first?

- (A) The seed will crack open.
- (B) A root will grow.
- (C) A green tip will grow.
- (D) The seed will get wet.

3 The toothpicks should be put into the seed in an “X” shape because that will

- (A) help the seed crack open
- (B) help the tree tip grow tall
- (C) hold the seed on top of the glass
- (D) hold the roots in the plant pot

4 Which of the following **best** describes the organization of paragraph 4?

- (A) cause and effect
- (B) chronological order
- (C) question and answer
- (D) compare and contrast

Session 2—Reading and Writing

Directions

In this part of **ELAP Plus Third Edition**, you will read three passages:

- The Field Trip
- Rainy Day Blues
- Cara’s New School

Then you will write about what you read.

Now turn the page and begin.

SAMPLE

Read this story. Then answer questions 29 through 31.

Cara's New School

1 Cara sat in a chair next to her mother. They were waiting for the principal to return to her office. Cara was about to enroll as a new student in the third grade. Cara smiled at the receptionist, but she was not happy. She did not want to be here. Cara loved her home in Naples, Florida. She liked wearing shorts to school and walking along the beach. She liked searching for seashells and spending time with her friends. Cara was very upset when her mother said they were moving to Rochester, New York.

2 Cara had never been to New York, but she knew that it was cold there in the winter and the nearest beach was a long drive away. Cara's eyes filled with tears. She tried to speak, but her voice just cracked.

3 "Seriously?" asked Ricardo, Cara's older brother. "Why do we have to move to the frozen tundra a million miles away from our friends?"

4 Their mother explained that she was being transferred to a different part of the company. The job in Rochester was a good one, she said, and she was flying there this weekend to look for a house.

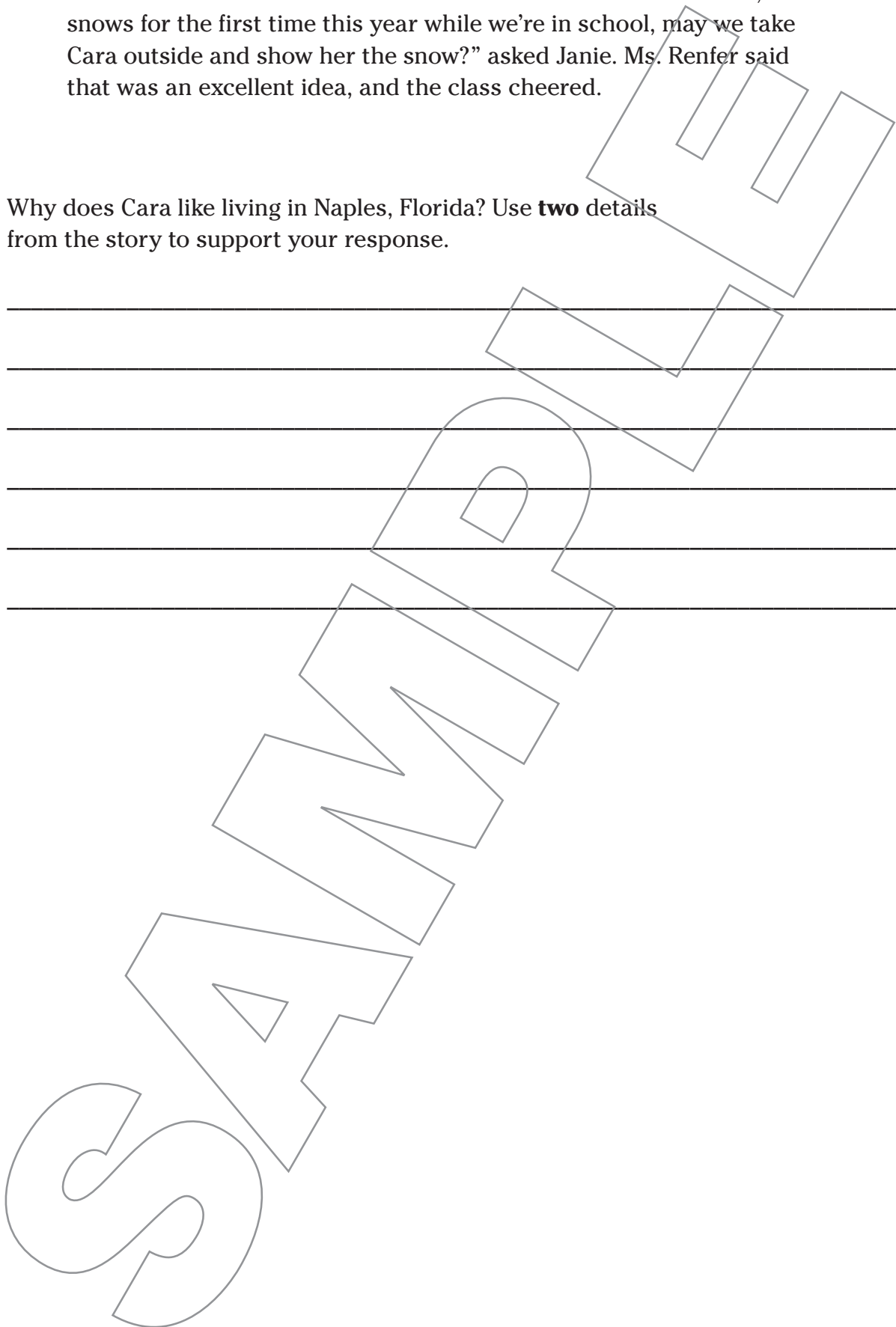
5 That was six weeks ago. Now, Cara, Ricardo, and their mother and grandmother lived in a house on Walnut Street in Rochester. A huge moving van had transported their belongings all the way from sunny Florida to icy New York.

6 Cara had to admit that she liked their new house. Their house in Florida had only one story. It had a tiny yard with only a few blades of grass. This house was enormous. It had two stories and an attic. Cara liked to explore its many closets and cabinets. She liked to sit in the window seat in her room. The house on Walnut Street had a big fenced-in backyard. Cara's mother promised that once they were settled in, they could get a dog. Cara was excited about this. She had never had a dog before.

7 The principal took Cara to her classroom. Cara's new classmates asked her many questions. They asked, "Did you live near a beach?" "Is it always sunny in Florida?" and "Did you have an orange tree in your yard?" Cara politely answered each question. However, when a boy asked, "Have you ever seen an alligator?" Cara laughed. She explained that alligators were common in Florida and were often in the canal behind her home.

8 A girl named Janie smiled sweetly and asked, “Have you ever seen snow?” Cara said that she had not but would like to. “Ms. Renfer, if it snows for the first time this year while we’re in school, may we take Cara outside and show her the snow?” asked Janie. Ms. Renfer said that was an excellent idea, and the class cheered.

29 Why does Cara like living in Naples, Florida? Use **two** details from the story to support your response.



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How do Cara's feelings change throughout the story? Use details from the story to support your response.

In your response, be sure to include:

- how Cara's feelings changed
- details to support your response

18 horizontal lines for writing a response.