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This story is about a family that moves from a village to the city. Read the story. Then answer the questions that follow.



A New City, A New Life

"Where does this go?"

"Where are my new shoes?"

There were many questions as José and Rosa helped their mother unpack boxes. They had just moved to the city of Juárez. It was very different from their small village in Mexico. Their father had a new job in a factory. The family would have a new life in the city. At first, José and Rosa were a little frightened by the city. Their village was in the country. It had dirt roads. They knew everyone who lived there. Now they were in a big city. The roads were paved. In some places, the streets had six lanes. The traffic was busy and noisy. But José and Rosa were not alone. They had several aunts and uncles who also worked in Juárez. Their cousin Lupe was going to give them a tour of the city.

Lupe met with José and Rosa the next day. She told them about Juárez. She showed them the factory where their father would work. There was a railroad next to the factory. There was a post office and a firehouse. There were many different stores. Some of the stores sold special dresses that girls would wear when they had their 15th birthday celebrations.

Lupe took José and Rosa to another part of town. The streets were filled with small shops that sold everything they could imagine. They saw leather wallets and purses. There was jewelry made of silver. There were large mirrors with tile borders. The sellers were on the streets and in the alleys. Such a busy place!

Now the big city was not so scary anymore. José and Rosa thought they would enjoy their new life.

Understanding the Story

Here are some questions about the story that you just read. Read each one. Then fill in the circle beside the best answer. If you are not sure, go back and look at the story again.

- 1. Why did José and Rosa move to a new city?
 - A Their father got a new job.
 - B The weather was better in the city.
 - C They wanted to go to a new school.
 - D Their village was too far away from their relatives.
- 2. What made the move to the city easier for José and Rosa?
 - A They wanted to live in a busy place.
 - B They didn't like the village.
 - C They had relatives in the city.
 - D They didn't have a lot of things to pack.

Inference

Factual



- 3. Why do you think the factory was close to the railroad?
 - A The land was cheaper by the railroad.
 - B The workers could get to the factory on the train.
 - C There was no other land in the city to build the factory.
 - D It was easier to ship the things made in the factory.
- 4. Why did Lupe give José and Rosa a tour of the city?
 - A She worked for the city as a guide.

Inference

Critical

Reasoning

- B She would be going to school with them.
- C Rosa and José asked her to give them the tour.
- D She was a relative and wanted to help them.

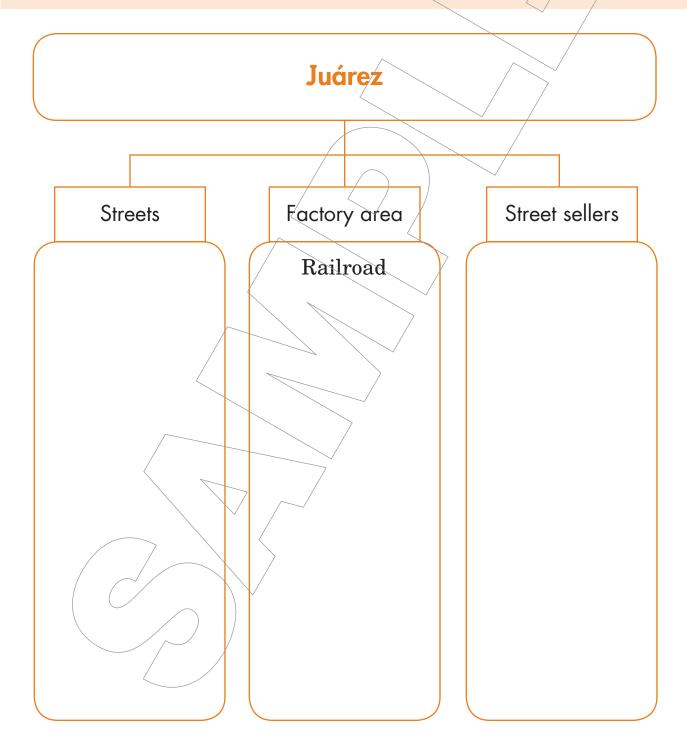
- 5. How were the village roads different from the city roads?
 - A They were longer.
 - B They were not paved.
 - C They were twisted.
 - D They were not as short.
- 6. Why do you think Lupe took José and Rosa so many different places?
 - A She had a job as a tour guide.
 - B She wanted them to get tired.
 - C She wanted them to buy things in the stores.
 - D She wanted them to be happy in their new city.
- Critical Reasoning

Factual

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Summing Up

What did you learn about the city of Juárez? A **chart** is a good way to write down what you know. Fill in the boxes of the chart below with words that describes the different things José and Rosa saw. A part of the chart has been started for you.





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Write About It

When you write a story, people should be able to picture what you say. So you need to use words that describe each thing carefully so that the person reading the story can see, hear, smell, or feel the things you did.

Imagine that you just came back from visiting Juárez, Mexico. You want to tell about what you saw and did there. Write your story on the lines below. Use the chart on page 36 to help you.

Juárez, Mexico, is a very interesting place. In some parts, there are factories. However, there are other parts of the city where people can shop. The city of Juárez has many interesting

places. In one part of the city, you can find

In other parts of the city, you can find _____