English Language Arts 10-2

Unit 1: Explore thoughts and experiences

Tentative readings

Details in a rink notice

- The rink note says skate rental closes when the Zamboni leaves the ice.
- Nia reads it as rental is closed.
- Leo reads it as the ice is unsafe.
- The Zamboni is still parked. That clue fits the rink note, so rental is still open.

The rink note

Skate rental closes when the Zamboni leaves the ice.

A tentative first reading

- A tentative understanding of this note sounds like a sentence you can still cross out: rental may be closing, and the machine will tell you.
- An interpretation joins the printed words to something in the room. A parked Zamboni means skate rental is still open.
- The question earns its place because Nia can walk ten steps and look. The parked Zamboni is the check.

Key terms

tentative understanding

A reading you treat as unfinished until a later detail confirms it or pushes it aside.

interpretation

The meaning you build by joining the words on the page to a detail you can point to.

A checkable question

- Nia's question is whether the Zamboni has left, because that is the condition the note names.
- A weaker question is whether the rink is dangerous. Nothing on the note lets her settle that.
- Once the machine is parked, the closing is crossed out. The replacement is that skate rental is still open.

A change in reading

- First reading: the note is telling skaters that rental is closed.
- Check: the Zamboni is still parked in its bay.
- Revised reading: skate rental is still open.
- Reply to Leo with the rental sentence. The rink note says when rental closes.

The microwave card

- The staff-room card beside the microwave says the timer stops at two minutes, teachers may start it again, and students sign the clipboard before another cycle.
- A first reading might say nobody may heat food for long. The clipboard line is only about students, and the restart line is only about teachers.
- Ask who is allowed to restart it. Then revise the reading so the two roles stay apart.

Review

- Cover the rink note and the microwave card.
- The gym poster says bleachers stay folded on game days until the team finishes warm-up, and visitors sit on the floor mats.
- Give a first reading, one question you could check in the gym, and a revised reading once you picture the team still warming up.