

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

## Comic Book Shop Search

### Characters

AUNT MARIA

MATEO

ETHAN: a friend

AUNT MARIA: The GPS on my phone says the comic book shop is two blocks away.

MATEO: I can't wait to see it!

ETHAN: Me, too! Thanks for bringing me along on this trip, Mrs. Hernandez.

AUNT MARIA: You're welcome. [*stopping at an intersection and looking at her phone*] Mateo said you would like to join us. Let's cross with the walk sign.

[*After crossing the street, they stop because of road construction.*]

MATEO: Aunt Maria, the sign says the road is closed to traffic.

AUNT MARIA: [*deep in thought*] The sidewalk is all torn up; so we can't walk on it. Let's backtrack to Main Street and get our bearings. My phone has a map, too, but my battery is running low.

MATEO: I don't understand how we'll find our way without your phone.

ETHAN: I have a regular street map.

AUNT MARIA: [*looking happily surprised*] Wonderful, Ethan! What made you think of that?

ETHAN: My mom thinks everyone should have maps with them. I hate to admit it, but she's been right many times, so I bring one when I go somewhere new.

MATEO: I'm glad for your old-time ways, *amigo*! [*They stop to read the map.*]

AUNT MARIA: If we cut through this side street, the shop will be on the right.

[*Following the paper map, they reach the comic book shop.*]

MATEO: We're here! I would have never thought having a paper map was a good idea before, but it really works!

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- 1 Which stage direction from the text **best** reveals Aunt Maria’s opinion of Ethan?
- A [*stopping at an intersection and looking at her phone*]
  - B [*deep in thought*]
  - C [*looking happily surprised*]
  - D [*Following the paper map, they reach the comic book shop.*]
- 2 Which sentence from the text **best** shows how Mateo changes his point of view?
- A “Aunt Maria, the sign says the road is closed to traffic.”
  - B “I don’t understand how we’ll find our way without your phone.”
  - C “I am glad for your old-time ways, *amigo!*”
  - D “I would have never thought having a paper map was a good idea before, but it really works!”

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# Impatience

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ALLISON

DAD

*[Kitchen. Allison is at the table working on a kit for making crystals. Her dad is at the sink.]*

ALLISON: I just finished mixing the crystal solution—I did just what the kit said.

*[Allison's dad finishes drying dishes. He walks to the table where Allison stares at the petri dish with the crystal solution.]*

DAD: Good job, Ally. Are you just going to sit there and look at the petri dish?

ALLISON: Yes, I think so.

DAD: You know a watched pot never boils. Besides, I need you to vacuum the living room and finish straightening your bedroom.

ALLISON: *[standing, but keeping her eyes on the crystal solution]* OK. Where are you going?

DAD: I need to finish trimming that one tree in the backyard. Be right back.

ALLISON: *[walking toward the living room]* I'd rather trim the tree than clean my room.

DAD: *[smiling]* The grass is always greener on the other side.

*[After vacuuming, Allison checks the petri dish, then cleans her bedroom. She returns to the kitchen and looks at the dish; she crinkles her brow. Dad enters from the back door.]*

DAD: What's wrong, Ally?

ALLISON: It hasn't changed at all. I thought I read the crystals start to form immediately.

DAD: Let's look at the box again. *[reaching for the instructions and reading]* It says it takes at least twelve hours for the crystal to form. The solution changes color immediately.

ALLISON: The color did change right away, from clear to blue.

DAD: Try to leave it alone and check it in the morning.

*[The lights dim and then come on again to signify the passing day. Allison enters the kitchen. A beautiful blue crystal stands in the petri dish.]*

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3 Read the sentence from the text.

You know a watched pot never boils.

What does the proverb “a watched pot never boils” mean?

- A It is important to be very careful in the kitchen.
- B Time moves slowly when waiting for something to happen.
- C Things can change at any moment, so enjoy things while you can.
- D Sometimes it can be difficult to focus on only one thing.

4 Read the sentence from the text.

The grass is always greener on the other side.

What does the proverb in this sentence help to show about Allison?

- A She is asking for something new.
- B She is waiting for the crystals to grow.
- C She wants to be done with something.
- D She thinks her father has the better chore.

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