

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

The Book Signing

Characters

ELLIE

AMIR: a friend

MRS. ROGAN

Act I

[Early evening. The kitchen at the Rogan house. Ellie and Mrs. Rogan are eating dinner at the table.]

MRS. ROGAN: What time do we have to be at the book store tomorrow morning?

ELLIE: Nine o'clock sharp. If we're late, we'll have to wait in a long line and I might never get to the table to see Mara Mason.

MRS. ROGAN: I know, honey. After all, the early bird gets the worm. Right?

[Mrs. Rogan and Ellie both smile just as the phone begins to ring.]

ELLIE: *[answering the phone]* Hello?

AMIR: *[speaking to Ellie from his own home phone]* Hi, Ellie, it's Amir. I'm just checking to see what time you're picking me up for the book signing.

ELLIE: Well, we need to be there at nine, so how about we get you at eight-thirty?

AMIR: Great! Are you excited about seeing our favorite author of all time?!

ELLIE: Are you kidding? I've been waiting for this day all month! I even hung up the flyer in my bedroom so that it's the first thing I see when I wake up every day.

AMIR: Me, too! I'm going to have Mara Mason sign all my books tomorrow. I can't wait! Okay, I'll see you tomorrow.

Act II

[The next morning. Mrs. Rogan's car. Mrs. Rogan is driving Ellie and Amir to the book store. They are happily flipping through their collection of Mara Mason books.]

MRS. ROGAN: [laughing] I see you both remembered to bring your books to be signed today. Do you know what you're going to ask her when you get to the table?

ELLIE and AMIR: [replying together] When will your next book be out?

AMIR: [looking at Ellie] Great minds think alike! [The two friends break into laughter.]

[Mrs. Rogan pulls into the parking lot. All three get quiet as they look out the windows.]

ELLIE: Where is everyone? I don't understand. The parking lot should be packed.

[Mrs. Rogan notices the flyer for the book signing in the front passenger seat. She picks it up and scans it quickly, then sighs.]

MRS. ROGAN: Uh-oh.

ELLIE: [starting to panic] What is it, Mom? Did I get the time wrong?

MRS. ROGAN: [sighing again] No, the book store opens at nine o'clock for the book signing, but it says here that it's tomorrow, not today.

[Mrs. Rogan leans over to show the kids the flyer. It says SUNDAY in big letters.]

AMIR: [throwing his arms up] How on Earth could we have missed that? I mean, it's in big, bold letters!

ELLIE: [shaking her head with wide eyes] I must have looked at that flyer a million times this past month.

AMIR: I guess we didn't really look at it at all though, did we?

MRS. ROGAN: Oh, don't be so hard on yourselves. You live, you learn. Now you know the importance of reading information carefully. Besides, we can come back tomorrow.

AMIR: [suddenly perking up] And there is that new book out in the Windswept series by Yuri Bantam. Remember, Ellie? I think it goes on sale today!

ELLIE: You're right! Mom, can we go in and see it?

[Mrs. Rogan laughs and turns off the car as Ellie and Amir begin to talk about the books that Yuri Bantam has written.]

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5 Read the sentence from the text.

After all, the early bird gets the worm.

What does the proverb in this sentence show about Ellie?

- A She arrives early for every event.
- B She does not want to miss an opportunity.
- C She wakes up to the sound of birds outside.
- D She does not have a lot of patience.

6 Which sentence **best** shows how Amir feels about the author they plan to see?

- A "I'm just checking to see what time you're picking me up for the book signing."
- B "I'm going to have Mara Mason sign all my books tomorrow."
- C "How on Earth could we have missed that?"
- D "And there *is* that new book out in the *Windswept* series by Yuri Bantam."

7 Read the sentence from the text.

Great minds think alike!

What does this adage show about Ellie and Amir?

- A They wake up at the same time.
- B They read the same books.
- C They have the same idea.
- D They go to the same event.

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8 Read the sentence from the text.

You live, you learn.

What does this adage mean?

- A People learn from real-life experiences.
- B People can only learn in school.
- C People need to live a long time to learn.
- D People can learn new things from each other.

9 What is Mrs. Rogan's point of view about arriving on the wrong day for the book signing?

- A She sees the mistake as a lesson to be learned.
- B She is upset about the mistake.
- C She does not think it is worth returning.
- D She thinks it is a funny situation to laugh at.

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- 10 Complete the sentences about the characters' points of view at the beginning, middle, and end of the drama. For each blank, choose the **best** word from the box below and write it on the line. Some words may be used more than once. Then, circle the piece of text evidence that supports each answer.

Beginning

Ellie is _____ about the book signing with Mara Mason.

Text Evidence:
"If we're late, we'll have to wait in a long line"
"I even hung up the flyer in my bedroom"

Middle

Mrs. Rogan is _____ that Ellie and Amir remembered to bring their books.

Text Evidence:
"[laughing]"
"[sighing again]"

End

Amir feels _____ about going to buy Yuri Bantam's new book.

Text Evidence:
"[throwing his arms up]"
"[suddenly perking up]"

Point of View:

worried	surprised
excited	disappointed
pleased	

