

The Rainy-Day Route

TEACHER ANSWER KEY · CHARACTER AND PLOT

Use the evidence below to guide discussion. Accept accurate explanations in students' own words.

1. B — It makes the planned route risky and forces a new decision.

The open courtyard would expose the cardboard boxes to rain, creating the central delivery problem.

2. D — Luis reconsiders the covered walkway.

Her question about a wet box breaking leads Luis to study the map and choose a sheltered route.

3. A — He gives Nia credit for the better route.

Luis moves from dismissing Nia's suggestion to recognizing and crediting her contribution.

4. C — He accepts a slower route that keeps the books dry.

His willingness to revise the plan and move carefully gets the books to the library before the deadline.

Teaching note: Have students connect story elements using arrows and causal language. The benchmark covers their contribution to the plot, beyond naming traits.

Discussion: Explain the chain from setting to conflict to solution. Include how Luis changes along the way.