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Grocery Store Bags

In this passage, Margo and Ernest talk about grocery store bags.

Margo:

I always bring my own cloth bags to the grocery store. I never use paper or plastic bags. I reuse my bags again and again. I do this because less trash is good for the earth.

One grocery store makes you pay for their bags now. There is a charge of five cents for each bag you take. This is a good idea, because it might make more people bring their own bags. I do not want to spend extra money on something I will just throw away. Other people might not want to, either.



Ernest:

I always ask for plastic bags at the grocery store. I never choose paper bags. I reuse the plastic bags again and again. I use them as trash bags in my trash cans at home. I also use them to pack a lunch to take to work. If I have too many bags, I can take them back to the store. The store will recycle them for me. But there is a grocery store that now makes you buy the plastic bags for five cents each. I will not shop there anymore. I do not want to pay for something that I can get for free at another store.

1) Margo says, "I do this because less trash is good for the earth." This statement is intended to

- A. give an example
- B. add a detail
- C. explain a problem
- D. provide a reason
- 2) What does Ernest do if he has too many bags?
 - A. throw them away
 - B. take them back to the store
 - C. use them as trash bags
 - D. use them to pack a lunch



- 3) Ernest does not want to pay for bags because he
 - A. will just throw them away
 - B. thinks five cents is too expensive
 - C. can get bags for free at another store
 - D. already has lots of bags at home
- 4) What can the reader conclude about BOTH Margo AND Ernest?
 - A. The both like to use plastic bags.
 - B. They both shop at the grocery store.
 - C. They both think stores should not make customers pay for bags.
 - D. They both believe paper bags are the best.
- 5) Do you think that it is a good idea for stores to make customers pay for plastic bags? Why or why not? Explain your answer.