

Name _____

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**Letter from a New Home**

September 5

Dear Nadja,

I've put away my things in my new room, and my posters are on the walls. Now this is starting to feel like home.

I can see the mountains and lots of pine trees from my window. My mom says I can take skiing lessons this winter, so I can't wait for the snow. There are a zillion places to go ice skating and tobogganing. Who knows, maybe I'll even learn to snowboard!

Yesterday we hiked up a mountain path that led to a beautiful lookout. The land stretched out for miles and miles across a canyon. Hawks were drifting in the sky, and it was almost like a dream. My dad had brought a picnic, and we ate lunch there. It was warm in the sun. By the time we got back to the car, I was tired and cold and my muscles ached, but I slept well last night.

School starts on Monday, and I'm a little nervous about being the "new kid" here. I just hope my teachers are nice and that I make some friends fast. If I could just change one thing here, can you guess what it would be? You got it—you would still live next door.

Your friend,

Rosa

P.S. Write back soon! You know how I love to get mail.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 Why do you think the author wrote this selection?

- A** to persuade the reader to move to the mountains
- B** to entertain the reader with interesting facts
- C** to describe what it's like to be in a new home
- D** to explain why hiking is a great sport

2 In the paragraph that begins "School starts on Monday," the author's purpose is mainly to

- F** give information.
- G** ask a question.
- H** describe a place.
- J** express feelings.

3 The author's purpose in the first part of the letter is to show that Rosa

- A** misses her friend.
- B** is getting used to a new home.
- C** is sorry that she moved away.
- D** likes to ski.

4 What did Rosa do *right after* she hiked up the mountain?

- F** went to sleep
- G** ate a picnic lunch
- H** wrote a letter
- J** went to school

5 Why do you think the author chose to write about moving to a new home?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1–5: Literature 1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.