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✨ Grade 8 English — Textual Evidence ✨

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2. Read: "Within six months of the council introducing weekend parking fees, complaints about congestion in the shopping strip fell by half, though several small business owners reported a noticeable drop in weekend customers." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the parking fees reduced congestion but may have hurt local business?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Read: "Within a week of the new speed cameras being installed, recorded speeding incidents on that stretch of road fell by almost 70%." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the speed cameras were highly effective at reducing speeding? 2) Read: "The charity's annual report revealed that administrative costs had risen to 40% of total donations, nearly double the industry standard." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the charity may be mismanaging donor funds? 3) Read: "The city's bike-share program recorded over 50,000 trips in its first three months, far exceeding the 15,000 trips originally projected for the entire first year." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the bike-share program was far more popular than expected?

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Answer all three (separate with commas). 1) Read: "Since the community fridge program began, local food banks report a 35% drop in people seeking emergency food parcels." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the community fridge program is reducing reliance on food banks? 2) Read: "Enrollment in the free coding after-school club tripled within a single term, forcing the school to open a second weekly session." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the free coding club was more popular than expected? 3) Read: "Despite the new curfew laws, youth crime in the district fell by only 2% in the first year, far below the 25% officials had predicted." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the curfew laws were largely ineffective?

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Answer both (separate your two answers with a comma). 1) Read: "Despite record ticket sales, the theatre company posted its third consecutive year of losses, citing rising venue rental costs." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the theatre company is facing serious financial difficulty despite popularity? 2) Read: "Despite assurances the new factory would not affect air quality, independent monitoring recorded particulate levels nearly triple the state's safety threshold within the first month of operation." Which phrase from the text is the best evidence for the claim that the factory is likely affecting local air quality?

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