

Before Leaving

PROBLEM SOLVING · LOOK CLOSELY

Stella is packing at the end of Friday. The bus line leaves in five minutes. Her teacher said to return art tools. Unfinished math must go in the finish-later folder.

Look closely and answer the questions.



1. What is about to go wrong if Stella leaves now?
2. What was forgotten after the teacher's directions?
3. What should Stella do next?

Responses will vary. Accept any answer the student can give a practical reason for.

Think about it: Why can a final check before leaving prevent extra work later?

TEACHER NOTE

The correct answer is that Stella may leave without the folder and without returning the art tools. She should put the unfinished math in the folder, place the folder in the backpack, and return the tools. A strong response uses the visible clues and gives the next clear step.

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