

The Community Show

Level: B1

Read how a community show changes its plan when rain arrives. Then answer the questions.

Reading text

The people of Brook Street planned a music show in the park for Saturday evening. Nora offered to organise it because she enjoyed bringing neighbours together. The school band agreed to play, and a local café offered drinks. There was such a strong response that Nora ordered extra chairs. The forecast looked good on Thursday, but dark clouds appeared on Friday. Although the team hoped for clear skies, they prepared a second plan.

The library offered its hall, which had space for the band and most visitors. Nora wanted to avoid cancelling because the musicians had practised for weeks. She put up new signs at the park and sent a message to everyone on the list. The message said the show would take place indoors if it rained. Some people did not see the update; however, the signs gave them the new address. By noon on Saturday, the rain was so heavy that the park paths were empty.

At the library, volunteers moved tables aside and set up a small stage. The hall was smaller than the park, so they kept one doorway clear. Despite the weather, families arrived early with umbrellas and wet coats. Nora was nervous about the change, yet the band sounded confident during its first song. There were so many visitors that some listened from the reading room. The café staff handed out drinks while children made paper stars for the stage.

After the last song, Nora thanked the library staff and the volunteers. The show was different from her original plan, but nobody seemed disappointed. In fact, several neighbours stayed to talk long after the music ended. Nora realised that a change of place had not changed the purpose of the evening. Next time, she would plan for both spaces from the beginning. The wet signs were taken down, but the paper stars remained in the library window.

Glossary

organise	plan and arrange an event
response	what people say or do after an invitation
forecast	a report about expected weather
musicians	people who play music
update	new information about a change
stage	an area where performers stand
doorway	the opening of a door
purpose	the reason for doing something

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

Read the story and choose the best answer.

1. Why did Nora order extra chairs?
a) Many people wanted to come b) The school band asked for them c) The café closed
2. What was the second venue?
a) The café b) The library hall c) The school playground
3. How did people who missed the message find the new address?
a) Through a radio report b) By asking the band c) From signs at the park
4. What did Nora decide for the next show?
a) Plan for both spaces b) Avoid the library c) Cancel if it rains

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

Decide whether each statement agrees with the text.

5. The school band had practised for weeks before the show. True / False
6. Every visitor found a place inside the library hall. True / False
7. The paper stars stayed in the library window after the show. True / False

Exercise 3: Complete the sentence

Use a word or phrase from the story.

8. There was ___ a strong response that Nora ordered extra chairs. (before a noun phrase)
9. The rain was ___ heavy that the park paths were empty. (before an adjective)
10. ___ the weather, families arrived early. (followed by a noun phrase)

Exercise 4: Listen and choose

Listening: online only.

Exercise 5: Listen and write

Listening: online only.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

1. a) Many people wanted to come
2. b) The library hall
3. c) From signs at the park
4. a) Plan for both spaces

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

5. True
6. False
7. True

Exercise 3: Complete the sentence

8. such
9. so
10. Despite

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