

Twelve Parcels on Tuesday

Eight activities

Activity 1: The two lines

Describe what Raya's two columns do across the six knock-drop weeks. Where do they split, and what does the gap show? Why is adding a column better than burning the chart?

Activity 2: "Oh. It's here."

Golda's three words change the whole route. What do they reveal that no number on the chart could? Why does Raya's inability to picture Golda's face matter more than any schedule fact?

Activity 3: The hard part

Raya rejects "the easy version" - going back to twelve stops. What would that have cost, and to whom? What does her actual plan protect that the easy version would have thrown away?

Activity 4: Route arithmetic (all numbers made up for practice)

A route has 12 stops. Driving and carrying take 50 minutes; each stay-a-minute visit takes 8 minutes. (a) How long is the full-visit route? (b) A knock-drop route saves all the visit time - how long is it? (c) At the knock-drop pace, how many stops fit in 100 minutes, and what does that calculation leave out? Show your steps.

Activity 5: "I was just not paying it"

The coordinator notes the plan needs two volunteers for what Raya did alone. Raya answers, "That's what it always cost. I was just not paying it." Who was paying it during the knock-drop weeks, and in what currency?

Activity 6: Draw the chart

Draw Raya's chart with the two columns, STOPS and VISITS, across the nine weeks - the climbing line, the falling line, the split. Only what can be seen. Caption it with one line from the story.

Activity 7: Perri's tutoring log - a fictional case

A teen named Perri tutors two younger boys in reading and keeps a beautiful log of pages finished per session. She realizes she has stopped asking the boys what they thought of the stories - and that page counts are climbing while both boys have gone quiet. Write the column she adds, the sentence she writes at the bottom of the log, and one change she makes to the next session. One sentence each, with names.

Activity 8: Word grid

Find eight words left to right. Row/column numbering begins at 1.

P	A	R	C	E	L	W	B	F	Y
R	O	U	T	E	M	N	O	R	S
V	I	S	I	T	S	Q	Z	X	J
D	O	O	R	B	E	L	L	U	P
T	U	E	S	D	A	Y	C	D	E
C	H	A	R	T	J	K	V	W	B
W	I	N	D	O	W	L	M	N	O
S	T	A	I	R	S	A	I	Q	Z
X	J	K	V	W	B	F	Y	G	H
U	P	L	M	N	O	R	S	T	C

The eight words: PARCEL, ROUTE, VISITS, DOORBELL, TUESDAY, CHART, WINDOW, STAIRS.
Which word names what the left column counts better and better, and which word names what the right column finally measures?