A Clean Park

Tyler ran into the kitchen. "Mom, I'm going to the park!" he said."Wear your helmet!" his mom called back. The park was just down the street. Tyler grabbed his bike and rode there. It was pretty much his favorite place to go. The park looked pretty crowded. Some kids were playing. But other kids held garbage bags. They were picking up trash.

Tyler stopped his bike. One of the kids was Lauren, a girl from his school. She waved at Tyler. "We're cleaning up the park today," she said. "Want to help?" "No thanks," Tyler said. Today was Saturday, a day off. He came to the park to have fun, not to work!

Tyler rode his bike around the path. He passed the swings and slide. He passed the small pond. As he rode, he saw things he never noticed before. There was lots of garbage on the ground. He saw old soda bottles. He saw old food wrappers. It was pretty gross.

Tyler rode back to Lauren. He got off his bike. "I'll help," he said. Lauren smiled. "Here," she said. She gave him a bag. Tyler and the kids cleaned for about an hour. When they were done, the park looked great. Tyler rode his bike around the path again. There were no old soda bottles. There were no old food wrappers. Tyler smiled. Now the park was better than ever!

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Why were the kids cleaning the park?

2. Why did Tyler decide to help clean the park?

3. At first, why didn't Tyler want to help clean the park?

4. What is this passage mostly about?

5. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Tyler changes his mind about helping Lauren _____ he realizes how gross the park is.

    A. because

    B. so

    C. but

6. Which is easier to notice out in the ocean?