

The Ladder Rebate

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What questions come to mind when you read the title and look at the picture?



Definitions:

- Discount – an amount that is less than the full or regular price
- Receipt – written proof of payment for an item or service
- Complete – to do; to finish

Reading

14 Nate and Fran recently moved into a new home. They like many things about
29 their new home, but they don't like the stark, white walls. They both enjoy color.
45 They plan to start painting right away. They are going to paint the living room first.
58 It has a high ceiling, so they will need to purchase a ladder.

73 Fran goes shopping and finds a ladder that she likes. It costs \$89.99, but a
87 sign next to it reads, "\$74.99 with **rebate**." "A rebate; what's a rebate?" Fran
102 wonders. "I could save \$15.00 on that ladder; that \$15.00 could help us pay for
111 some other supplies we'll need," Fran says to herself.

126 Fran sees a store clerk and says, "Excuse me. I'd like some help with this
142 ladder. I have some questions. What's a rebate and where do I get one?" The store
157 clerk replies, "A rebate is a discount you can receive by completing this form." The
174 store clerk points to a pad of rebate forms, tears one off and hands it to Fran.

188 The store clerk says, "Make sure you keep your receipt from the purchase of
202 the ladder. You'll need to mail it with your completed rebate form. The \$15.00
213 should be mailed to you in about eight to ten weeks."

227 "Thanks," says Fran. "I really appreciate your help. Now I need to get some
242 paint. Where would I find it?" The store clerk walks Fran to the paint aisle.

Understanding

1. What does Fran plan to purchase when she goes shopping? _____

2. Why is Fran purchasing those items? _____

3. Who helps Fran at the store? _____

4. What is a **rebate**? _____

5. Why does Fran need to keep her receipt? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Do you use rebates to save money? Why or why not?
