

The Winter Bus

Name: _____

Read the passage. Answer the questions in complete sentences.

The bus was twenty minutes late, and the temperature sign outside the pharmacy said minus nineteen. Amara had stopped feeling her toes at minute nine.

An older man at the shelter kept checking his watch. A woman with two bags of groceries said, out loud, to nobody, that this was the third time this month.

When the bus finally came around the corner, everyone stood up at once, and then nobody moved, because the driver was helping a man in a wheelchair down the ramp at the front. It took four minutes.

Amara had been ready to complain to whoever would listen. Watching the ramp fold back up, she decided not to.

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1. How cold was it, and how late was the bus?

2. Why did nobody move when the bus arrived?

3. Why did Amara decide not to complain?

4. Find two details the writer uses to show how cold it was.

The Winter Bus — Answer Key

1. Minus nineteen, and the bus was twenty minutes late. *(Recall)*
2. The driver was helping a man in a wheelchair down the ramp. *(Recall)*
3. Answers will vary. Seeing why the bus was slow changed how she felt about the delay. *(Inference)*
4. The sign saying minus nineteen, and Amara not feeling her toes after nine minutes. *(Author's craft)*