

## ANSWERS

Possible responses:

1. Yes, there is a shelter in our area that distributes food and clothing to the needy. I have never volunteered to work there.
2. Yes, I can learn to appreciate things my family does for me.
3. I have never been reluctant about the opportunity to volunteer somewhere because I am excited about the opportunity.
4. Some residents volunteer to pick up trash in the park, and others work at the recycling center

### SB - Before You Go On - Page 131:

1. The students must visit a nursing home and cheer someone up. Marilia does not want to go because her grandmother recently died in a nursing home.
2. Marilia's plans of helping teachers instead of going on the trip do not work.

### SB - Before You Go On - Page 133:

1. Marilia's class plans to take a tray of *besitos de coco*.
2. Marilia is sad when she goes to the nursing home because it reminds her of her grandma.

### SB - Before You Go On - Page 135:

1. Elenita asks Marilia to describe the card because she is blind and can't see it. Also, she wants Marilia to talk to her.
2. Marilia is sad to leave the nursing home. She wants to stay with her new friend, Elenita.

**SB - Before You Go On - Page 137:**

1. Marilia says she was given Elenita's friendship.
2. *Besito de coco* are cookies called coconut kisses in English. They are made of coconut, brown sugar, flour, salt, butter, eggs, and vanilla.

**SB - Page 138/ Comprehension**

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1. Puerto Rico
2. Marilia says she will bring a collage because although Elenita is blind, she can feel the textures.
3. Marilia tries to skip the field trip by offering to help the librarian, taking an extra assignment, and pretending to be sick.
4. Marilia began having fun with Elenita and enjoyed visiting her.
5. The school feels it is important to share Christmas with old and sick people because they may not experience a pleasant Christmas very often. Sister Antonia wants students to understand how others live.
6. The students' visit cheers up the residents, and in Marilia's case, helps develop a new friendship.