

English 8
Unit 2: Tech Then and Now
Asking Questions – Paving From Plastic Pp. 59-61

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Read the first prompt and Paragraph One and Two. Answer the following:

1. How old was Gina when she had her brilliant idea?
2. How old was Gina when the author wrote the profile?
3. Explain how you knew the answers to questions 1 and 2.
4. What other **literal** questions help you understand the setting and the purpose of this selection?

Read the second prompt and Paragraphs Three and Four and Five. Answer the following:

5. Why didn't the engineers believe in Gina?
6. Why is number 5 an **inferential**, or between-the-lines, question?
7. What do you think the statement, "**Don't reinvent the wheel**" means, and how did it help Gina?

Read the third prompt and Paragraphs Six, Seven and Eight. Answer this evaluative question:

8. Is Gina's experience typical for a teen? What does this tell me about Gina's idea?

Read the fourth prompt and Paragraphs Nine and Ten. Answer the following:

9. What do you think these companies might gain by supporting Gina's invention?
10. How might environmental activists feel about this plastic paving?
11. Could there be drawbacks to this invention? Explain.

Read the last prompt and the final paragraph. Answer the following:

12. What is the author's opinion of Gina?
13. What is your own opinion of Gina and her invention?
14. What helped you form this opinion?