## **Grade 8 Scoring Sampler Passage and Prompt**

Read the "Moving Day" passage.

## **Moving Day**

The Landon family decided to sell their house and move to a new city. They spent weeks preparing for the move. They had mountains of boxes in the garage and all over the house waiting for the movers to arrive. It was a lot of work, and they were all exhausted, but they all knew it would be worth it in the end. Ada was very excited about her new home. It had a great backyard and a room for a trampoline. She was really looking forward to all the new memories the family would be making. When the day of the move finally arrived, they drove to their house and started carrying boxes inside. As they entered the kitchen, Ada spotted something that was unexpected. She could not believe what she was seeing! She just stared in disbelief.



Photograph, "A New Homeowners Looking at the House while Carrying a Box" by Mart Production, from Pexel. In the public domain.

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## **Writing Prompt**

Use your imagination to write a new story about the Landons' move, including what surprised Ada at the new house and what happened after she was surprised.

Manage your time carefully so you can

- plan
- write
- revise
- edit

Be sure to include

- a plot with a beginning, middle, and end
- character development
- a descriptive ending

Your response should be in the form of a multi-paragraph story. Write your story in the space below.