

Lindsay's New Haircut

Reading Comprehension Lessons

(General lesson plan for all reading comprehension activities)

Learning Objectives:

Students will read a story (in a group or independently) and complete comprehension activities.

Materials & Preparation:

- Story Passage (included)
- Comprehension questions (included)
- Story sequencing (included)
- Story map blank template (included)
- Picture prompt template (included)
- Scissors & glue

Instruction

- Introduce the title of the story. Have students make predictions on what they think the story will be about. What do they think will happen? What kind of book do they think this will be?
- Read the story passage (project it to class or this can also be done as an individual assignment)
- Go over key points as a class: beginning, middle, and end; what happened; key events, etc.

Independent Working Time:

- Comprehension questions
- Story sequencing
- Story Map (students who have difficulty writing, perhaps can draw pictures or dictate answers for an adult to write them down)

Wrap up/Closing:

- Review answers to the comprehension questions as a class (more of a let's see what everyone thought), see how students replied and get a feel for where your students are. This will also help you for future instruction and skills you might want to focus on with individual students.

Other Ideas for Activities:

- Your library has a plethora of great resources, and leveled books (look where ESOL classes look) that you can use for comprehension. This can be done as a class or individually. It's easy to create a few questions to go with a book, or you can always ask students to fill out the 'story map' template for any book they read. You could also ask students to write 3-5 sentences about the book, or even draw a picture of what happened.

Lindsay's New Haircut

It was Tuesday afternoon and Lindsay was at home playing hair salon with her little sister, Ava, who was 5 years old. Ava loved to play pretend hair salon. She would brush Lindsay's hair, pretend to give her a haircut, and style her hair with sparkly bows.

Lindsay was having her hair done when all of a sudden she heard Ava say, "UH OH!!!!!"

Lindsay turned around and saw Ava standing there with a handful of hair in her hand. Lindsay quickly ran to the bathroom to look in the mirror. Ava had cut a huge patch of hair off on the left side of her head! Lindsay couldn't believe what she was seeing. She tried to fix her hair, hoping it would grow back but nothing worked. There was no way to get her hair back.

She ran to her Mom for help. Her Mom told Lindsay and her sister to get in the car and they drove to the hair salon down the street. When they arrived at the salon, the stylist looked at her hair.

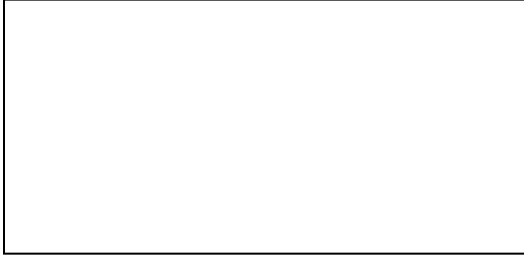
"I have an idea, but you're going to have to trust me", said the stylist.

Lindsay had no choice so she agreed. She sat in the chair for 1 hour and when the appointment was over, she slowly turned to see her hair. She LOVED it!!! It was a lot shorter than it had been. Most of it had to get cut off to match the other part that her sister had cut. It was definitely a style that she was not used to. It was shorter and had a lot of curls, but she loved it. Phew! She was so relieved. Thankfully she loved her hair and she also learned another lesson, DON'T LET YOUR LITTLE SISTER NEAR YOU WITH REAL SCISSORS!

Name _____ Date _____

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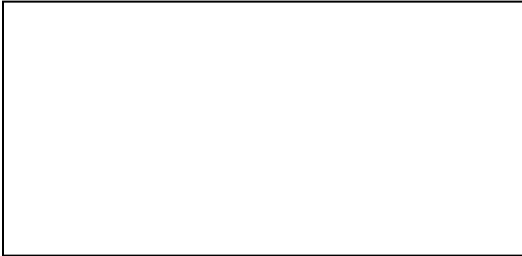
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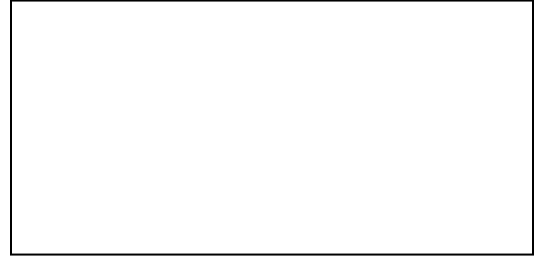
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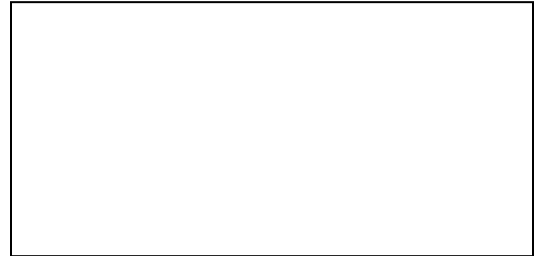
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Ava accidentally cut
off a bunch of
Lindsay's hair.

Lindsay's Mom took
the girls to the hair
salon.

Lindsay and Ava were
playing hair salon.

Lindsay saw her new
haircut, she loved it!

The hair stylist had an
idea for Lindsay's
hair.

Lindsay learned never
to let her sister use
real scissors again!

Name _____ Date _____

Answer the following questions about Lindsay's New Haircut.

1. What day did this story happen on?
 - a. Saturday
 - b. Tuesday
 - c. Thursday

2. What game were Lindsay and her sister playing?
 - a. Pretend cooking
 - b. Pretend grocery store
 - c. Pretend hair salon

3. What was the accident that happened?
 - a. Lindsay cut Ava's hair off
 - b. Ava cut her own her off
 - c. Ava cut Lindsay's hair off

4. Where did their Mom take them?
 - a. Hair salon
 - b. Pizza Hut
 - c. Spa

5. What did Lindsay's hair look like after?
 - a. Long and pink
 - b. Short and curly
 - c. Brown, straight, and long

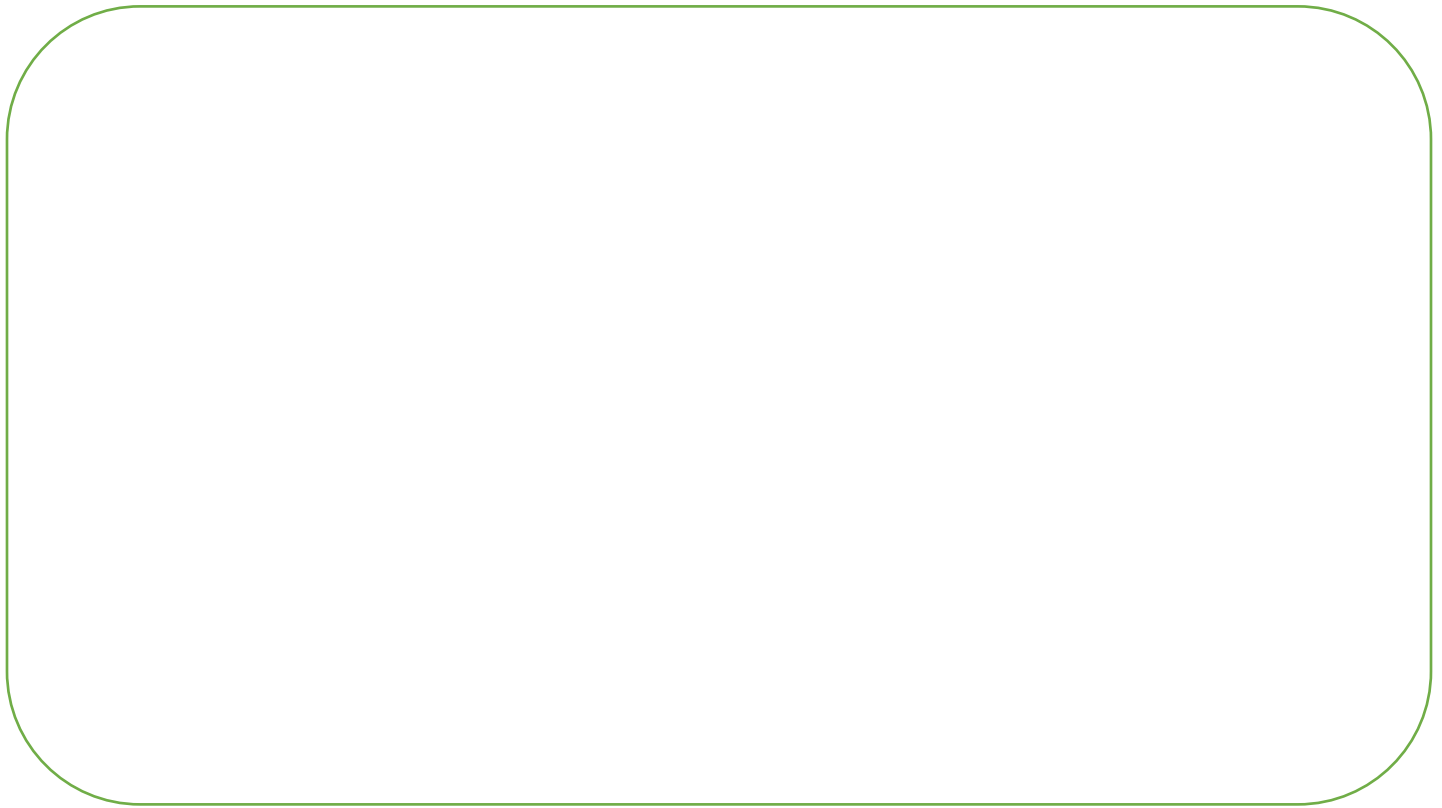
6. What lesson do you think Lindsay learned?

7. What would you and how would you feel if this happened to you?

Score: ____/7 = ____%

Name _____ Date _____

Draw a picture of what happened in Lindsay's New Haircut. Write 3-5 sentences about it.



Story Map

Title: _____

Setting: Where does the story take place?

Characters: Who is in this story?

Beginning: What happened first, when the story started?

Middle: What happened after, in the middle of the story?

End: What happened at the end of the story? When it was finished?

Problem: What situation happened that needed to be fixed?

Solution: How did the problem get fixed in the end?