

Passage Comprehension 6

The School Play Disaster

The fifth-grade class was preparing for their annual drama production of "The Wizard of Oz." Emma was chosen to play Dorothy, while her best friend Michael was cast as the Scarecrow. Everything was going perfectly during rehearsals until one week before the show. Suddenly, Emma caught a terrible cold and lost her voice completely. The drama teacher, Ms. Roberts, was worried they might have to cancel the performance. Michael suggested that his cousin Sofia, who knew all the lines from watching their rehearsals, could step in as Dorothy. Although Sofia was nervous at first, she agreed to help. The whole class worked extra hard that week, staying after school to help Sofia practice. On the night of the performance, both Emma and Sofia were there - Emma cheering from the audience, and Sofia confidently playing Dorothy on stage. The show turned out to be even better than anyone expected, and the principal announced it was the best school play she had ever seen. From that day on, the class learned an important lesson about teamwork and helping each other.

Questions:

A. Comprehension:

1. What play was the class performing?
2. What role was Emma supposed to play?
3. What problem occurred before the show?
4. Who replaced Emma in the play?
5. What lesson did the class learn?

B. Grammar Focus:

1. Find three proper nouns from the passage
2. Identify three verbs in past tense
3. List two adjectives describing emotions

C. Critical Thinking:

1. Why do you think Sofia knew all the lines?
2. How did the class show good teamwork?
3. What would you have done if you were Emma?

D. Vocabulary Enrichment:

1. Find words from the passage that mean:
 - practice for a play
 - sure of oneself
 - yearly

Answer Key:

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A. Comprehension:

1. The Wizard of Oz
2. Dorothy
3. Emma lost her voice
4. Sofia (Michael's cousin)
5. The importance of teamwork and helping each other

B. Grammar Focus:

1. Emma, Michael, Sofia, Dorothy, Ms. Roberts, Wizard of Oz
2. Was, caught, lost, suggested, agreed, worked
3. Nervous, confident, worried

C. Critical Thinking:

(Answers will vary based on student interpretation)

D. Vocabulary:

1. Rehearsals
2. Confidently
3. Annual

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