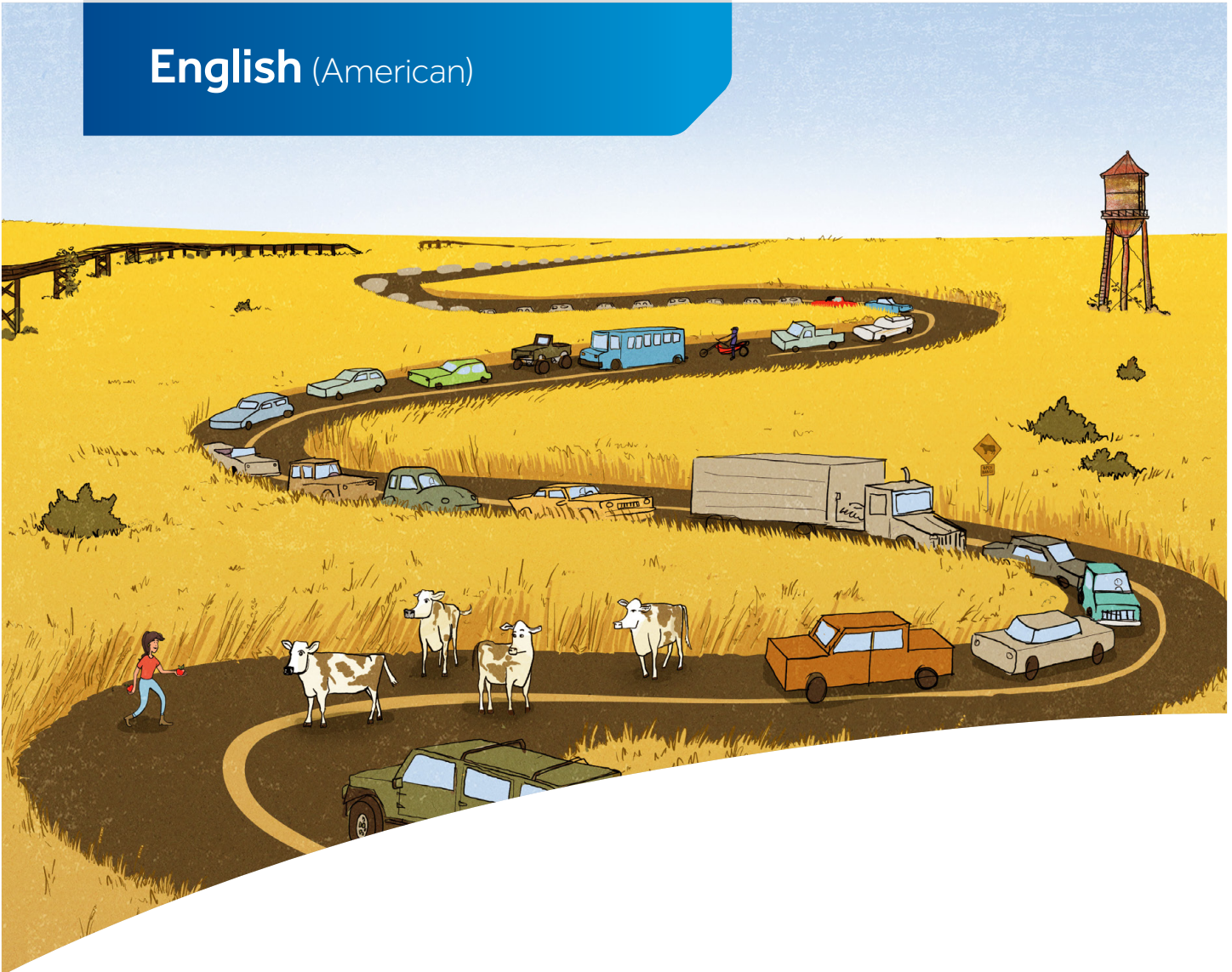


# Stories: Road Trip

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**English** (American)



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## Unit 1: Goodbye!



A boy and a girl are driving in a red car. They are **twins**. The boy is Isaac. He is driving. The girl is Wendy.

There are police officers on bicycles. Goodbye, police officers!

There are teachers in cars. Goodbye, teachers!

There is a woman wearing a yellow dress walking a dog.

There is a man reading a book in the grass.

Goodbye! Goodbye!

Isaac and Wendy are driving on the **road**.

"Do we have shoes and hats?" asks Wendy.

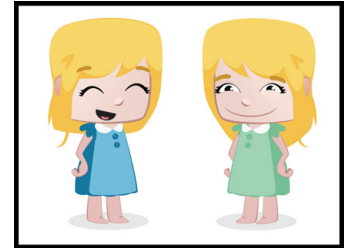
"Yes! The shoes and hats are in the **trunk**," says Isaac. "Do we have cups and plates?"

"Yes!" says Wendy. "The cups and plates are in the trunk. Do we have sandwiches and apples?"

"Yes!" says Isaac. "The sandwiches and apples are in the trunk. Do we have an **atlas**? Do we have a pen?"

"No!" Wendy says. "We do not have an atlas! We do not have a pen!"

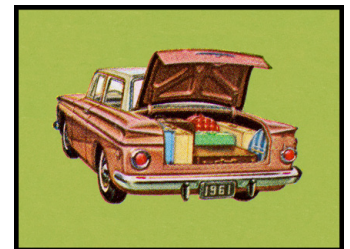
Wendy and Isaac are in a **store**. They buy an atlas and two green pens in the store.



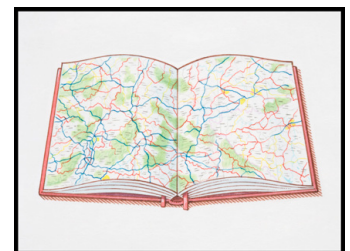
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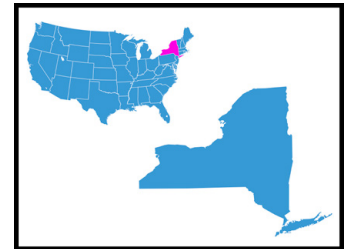


Isaac and Wendy are driving on the road. Goodbye, **New York!** Goodbye!

They are driving, and the sky is blue. The sun is yellow.  
They are driving, driving, driving.

They are driving and the sky is black. The moon is white.  
They are driving, driving, driving.

Goodbye! Goodbye!



New York

## Unit 1: Goodbye!



Circle the correct answer.

1. Who is driving the car?

- A. the woman
- B. the officer
- C. the boy

2. Read these sentences, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*There are police officers on bicycles. Goodbye, police officers!*

*There are teachers in cars. Goodbye, teachers!*

Where are the twins?

- A. in the store
- B. in the grass
- C. in the car

3. What is the woman doing?

- A. reading a book
- B. walking a dog
- C. eating a sandwich

4. What is in the trunk?

- A. hats and a dress
- B. cups and apples
- C. a book and a pen

5. What are Isaac and Wendy buying?

- A. an atlas
- B. sandwiches
- C. a newspaper

6. When the sky is blue, the sun is

- A. red.
- B. white.
- C. yellow.



## Unit 1: Goodbye!

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Who are the "twins" in the story?

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8. Who are Isaac and Wendy saying "goodbye" to in the story?

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Unit 1: Goodbye!

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Isaac and Wendy have shoes and plates in the trunk. What do you have in the trunk?

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10. The sky is black and the moon is white. What are you doing?

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## Unit 1: Goodbye!

11. The sky is blue. What are you doing?

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## Unit 2: A Friend in the Park



Isaac and Wendy are in their car. Isaac is driving. Wendy is listening to the radio. They are hungry. Isaac drives to a small park.

Their car is near the grass in the park. They sit on a **blanket** in the grass. Isaac eats a sandwich, and Wendy eats an apple. There is a **river**. They watch the **boats** on the river. They are not wearing their socks and shoes. Isaac is wearing his hat. He is playing with his keys.

A woman wearing a red sweater is sitting at a table near Isaac and Wendy. She is drinking a cup of coffee. Under the table is a white dog. The dog is listening to Isaac's keys.

"Hello. My name is Isabella," the woman says. "This is my dog, Jake."

"Hello. My name is Wendy. This is my brother, Isaac."

Isaac says hello. Jake watches Isaac play with his keys.

"Nice to meet you," Isabella says. "I love your red car! Where are you driving?"

"We're driving to **California**," Wendy says. "We're living with our Grandmother and Grandfather this **summer**. They live in **San Diego**."

"California! You are driving far! The United States is a big country!"

"Yes, it is," Wendy says. "Isaac, do not play with your keys!"

Isaac puts the keys on the blanket. Jake runs to the blanket. He has the keys! Now Jake runs in the grass.



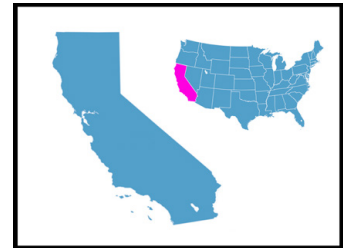
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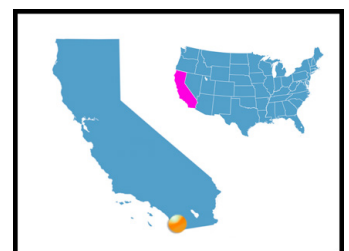
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California



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San Diego



## Unit 2: A Friend in the Park



"No! My keys!"

Isabella **laughs**. "It is fine. He is playing."

Isaac runs in the grass, and now his hat is on the grass. He runs to the dog. Jake runs and runs. Jake has the keys. Isaac laughs and runs to the dog. He has Jake and hugs the dog. Now Isaac has the keys. Wendy and Isabella laugh.

Wendy stands near the car. She puts the blanket in the **trunk**. Now Isaac and Wendy are in the car.

"Goodbye Isabella! Nice to meet you!"

"Nice to meet you! Goodbye!"

They drive from the park and Jake runs after the car! Jake is running and running. From the window Isaac says, "Goodbye Jake!" Jake walks to Isabella.

Now Wendy is driving and Isaac is listening to the radio. He is not wearing his hat.

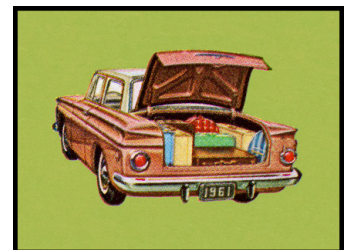
"Do you have your hat, Isaac?" asks Wendy.

"No! It is on the grass in the park! I have the keys from Jake, and now I do not have a hat!"

"Yes, you do, Isaac!" says Wendy laughing. "Your hat is fine. It is with the blanket in the trunk!"



laughing



trunk

## Unit 2: A Friend in the Park



Circle the correct answer.

1. Where are Isaac and Wendy sitting?

- A. at a table
- B. on a boat
- C. on a blanket

2. What is Isaac wearing?

- A. shoes
- B. a hat
- C. a sweater

3. What is Isabella doing when she says hello?

- A. drinking coffee
- B. walking her dog
- C. listening to the radio

4. What is Jake listening to?

- A. the woman
- B. the boats
- C. the keys

5. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*Jake runs and runs. Jake has the keys. Isaac laughs and runs to the dog.*

What are Isabella and Wendy doing?

- A. They are running.
- B. They are laughing.
- C. They are hugging.

6. Wendy says, "Your hat is fine."

Where is the hat?

- A. in the trunk
- B. on the grass
- C. near the window



## Unit 2: A Friend in the Park

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. What are Isaac and Wendy going to do in California?

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8. Isaac puts the keys on the blanket. What does Jake do?

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What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

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10. Isabella is wearing a red sweater in the park. What are you wearing in the park?

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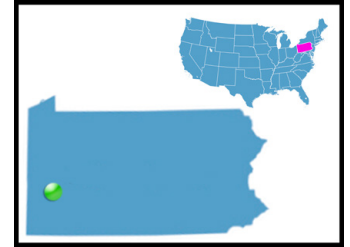
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## Unit 3: The Hotel Window



Pittsburgh



farm

It is evening. The sun is red in the gray sky. Isaac and Wendy are driving and driving. They are not far from **Pittsburgh**. Wendy is tired and she is not speaking.

"Wendy, are you sleeping?" asks Isaac.

"No, no, I'm not!" she says, sitting up. "Oh! There is a hotel! "

The hotel is near a **farm** with dogs and horses and apple trees. They walk into the hotel room. It has two beds, a television, a small table, and a bathroom. It's clean and cold, and it smells nice. "This is good!" says Isaac.

Isaac washes his face in the bathroom. There is a big white towel to dry his face. Wendy is on her bed reading a book. Now Isaac is under the blanket in his bed, and Wendy is brushing her teeth in the bathroom. Now she's under her blanket. Her pillow is nice and the sheets smell good. They're tired.

They're sleeping in the room. Now Isaac isn't sleeping—he wakes up. He's listening. He is watching the window. Isaac is running in the room. "Oh no! Wendy, wake up! There's a **ghost**!"

"What?" Wendy is running in the room. "Where?"

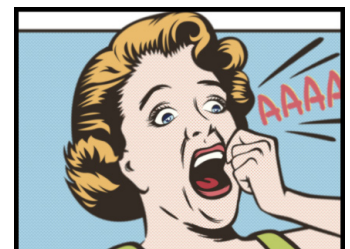
"It's outside! The ghost is outside the window!"

They are **scared**. They walk outside the hotel. Isaac has a **flashlight**. It's night. The moon is white in the black sky. The trees are gray. They are scared. Where is the ghost?

"There it is!"



ghost



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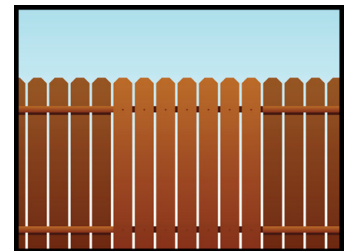
## Unit 3: The Hotel Window



Isaac and Wendy are near a brown **fence**. There is grass near the fence. There is a white horse. The horse is eating the grass. The horse is outside the window of their room.

"It's not a ghost!" Isaac is **laughing**. "It's a white horse!"

They're not scared now. They're laughing. Wendy walks to the apple tree. She has an apple. It smells good. The horse is eating the apple. They walk to their room. They're in their beds. They're sleeping. Good night!



fence



laughing

### Unit 3: The Hotel Window



Circle the correct answer.

1. What are Isaac and Wendy doing in the story?

- A. They're visiting a farm.
- B. They're sleeping in a hotel.
- C. They're playing with animals.

4. Why does Isaac have a flashlight?

- A. It is afternoon.
- B. It is evening.
- C. It is night.

2. Isaac is washing his face. What is Wendy doing?

- A. reading a book
- B. watching television
- C. sleeping under the blanket

5. Wendy is outside. What smells good?

- A. the apple
- B. the room
- C. the sheets

3. Why does Isaac wake up Wendy?

- A. There is a white moon in the sky.
- B. There is a nice smell near the hotel.
- C. There is a ghost outside the window.

6. Isaac is outside with the white horse. He is

- A. tired.
- B. scared.
- C. laughing.

### Unit 3: The Hotel Window

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. At the hotel, what is inside? What is outside?

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8. What is the white horse doing?

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### Unit 3: The Hotel Window

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. What do you do before you go to sleep?

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10. What smells good to you? What smells bad to you?

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## Unit 4: A Day of Shopping



Wendy is driving on the street in **Cincinnati**. Isaac is watching from the window. There is a big **mall** near the street. Isaac says, "We need more supplies."

"No, Isaac. We have clothes, water, fruit, vegetables, and an **atlas**! We have what we need!"

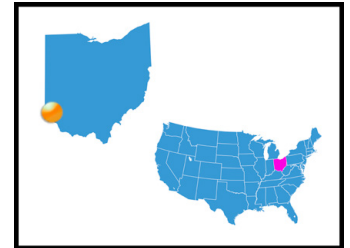
"But we're driving to **California**! It's far! We need more!"

"OK. But I'm hungry. You do the shopping. I'm eating lunch."

They're outside of the car and walking to the mall. There are many cars in the sun. It's hot outside, but it's cold inside the mall. There are too many people in the mall walking and shopping.

"Meet me at this pharmacy after lunch," Wendy says.

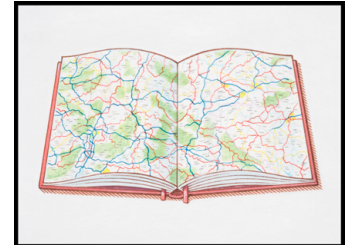
"A pharmacy! We need medicine when we are sick." Isaac buys medicine at the pharmacy. Now he's running in the mall. "We need more towels when we want to swim!" He buys towels. "We need umbrellas when it **rains**!" He buys umbrellas. Isaac is running from store to store. "We need sunglasses in the sun!" He buys sunglasses. "We need golf shoes when we want to play golf! And we need tennis balls when we want to play tennis." He buys golf shoes and tennis balls. "And we need a camera! This one is too expensive. But this one is not!" Isaac runs to a hardware store. "We need a ladder when we want some apples from a tree!" He buys a ladder. Now he runs to a bakery. "We need chocolate cake because... chocolate cake is good!" He buys a chocolate cake. "There is so much we need!"



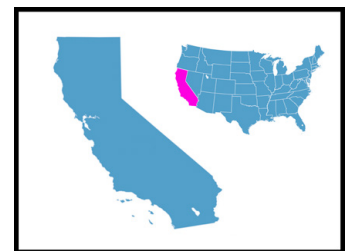
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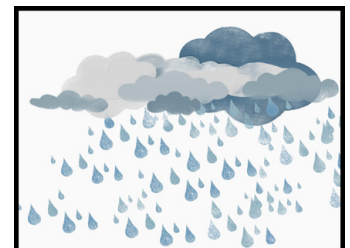
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## Unit 4: A Day of Shopping



Isaac walks to the pharmacy to meet Wendy. He has a **cart**. The cart is heavy with supplies. He's **smiling** at his sister.

Wendy is not smiling. "What is all this, Isaac?" she asks.

"Now we have what we need! We have medicine, umbrellas, sunglasses, golf shoes, tennis balls, a camera, a ladder, chocolate cake and more towels!"

"This is all too expensive, Isaac! We don't have much money."

"But we need it all!"

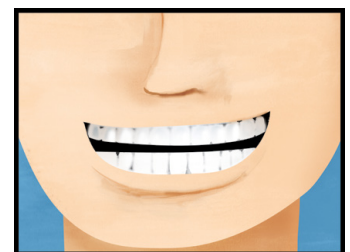
"We need the medicine, but we don't need a ladder. We don't need two umbrellas. We do not need golf shoes and tennis balls. And you have a camera on your phone!"

Now Isaac is not smiling. "OK. I can take back some of these supplies to the stores." They walk in the mall with the cart. They visit the hardware store. The cart is lighter. They visit the camera store. The cart is lighter. They visit all the stores. The cart is lighter and lighter. They walk near the bakery. "I can take back the chocolate cake too."

"No Isaac," Wendy says. She's smiling. "We need the chocolate cake."



cart



smiling



## Unit 4: A Day of Shopping



Circle the correct answer.

1. What's inside the mall?

- A. the stores
- B. the street
- C. the cars

2. At the mall, Wendy is

- A. sitting inside the car.
- B. buying sunglasses.
- C. eating lunch.

3. What does Isaac want to have for swimming?

- A. towels
- B. umbrellas
- C. sunglasses

4. When Isaac meets Wendy, the cart is

- A. fast.
- B. light.
- C. heavy.

5. When Isaac meets Wendy, she is not smiling because

- A. she wants to eat lunch.
- B. Isaac doesn't buy medicine.
- C. the supplies cost too much.

6. Why is the cart lighter after they visit the hardware store?

- A. The cart does not have the ladder.
- B. The cart does not have the umbrellas.
- C. The cart does not have the chocolate cake.

## Unit 4: A Day of Shopping

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. In the story, Isaac wants to buy “supplies”. What supplies do Wendy and Isaac have before going to the mall? What supplies does Isaac buy? What does he take back to the stores?

Write **four** supplies in each of the boxes.

What supplies do Isaac and Wendy have before going to the mall?	What supplies does Isaac buy at the mall?	What does Isaac take back to the stores?

8. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*“I can take back the cake too,” says Isaac.*

Why is Wendy smiling?

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Unit 4: A Day of Shopping

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Do you like shopping in the mall? What stores do you like shopping in? What do you buy there?

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10. Isaac needs golf shoes when he wants to play golf. He needs tennis balls when he wants to play tennis. What supplies do you need to do what you want?

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## Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple



It's a sunny afternoon in **Chicago**. Isaac and Wendy are waiting for the train to the museum. Wendy has her purple **backpack** with water and **snacks**. They're going to the museum. Wendy doesn't want to go to the museum. She wants to go to the park. But Isaac doesn't like the park.

A tall man is waiting for the train near Wendy and Isaac. He's wearing a big purple hat, a purple T-shirt, and a purple backpack.

"We have the same backpack!" Wendy says to the man. "It's purple!"

"Yes," the man says. "I like purple. All my clothes are purple."

"I can see you like purple," Wendy says, smiling. "But, why?"

"I wear purple when I go to the park. It's easy for my friends to see me."

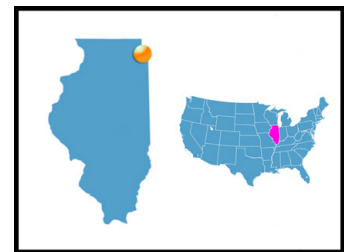
The train arrives. Isaac and Wendy take seats inside. The man wearing purple is sitting near them. There are many people on the train. Some people are sitting, but most of them are standing.

Isaac is **smiling**. "Do you have our tickets to the museum?"

"Yes," Wendy says. "They're in my backpack. What stop do we take? Do you have the map?"

"No," Isaac says. "I don't have the map."

Wendy says, "Excuse me, Purple Man?"



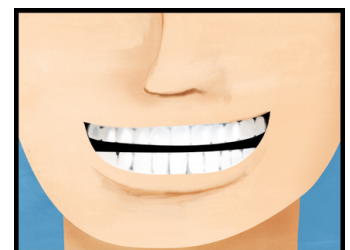
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backpack



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## Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple



"My name is Viktor," the man says. He is not smiling.

"Oh, yes," Wendy says. "Viktor, what stop do we take for the museum?"

"It's too sunny to be in a museum," Viktor says. "I am going to the park. It's the third stop."

"I want to go to the park too," Wendy says. "But Isaac wants to go to the museum. What stop is it?"

"The fourth stop."

"Thank you!"

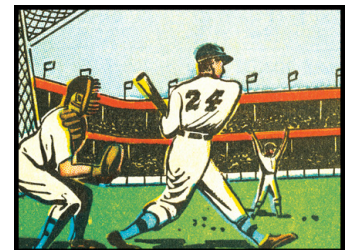
The train is going fast. Isaac and Wendy are watching from the window. They see many stores, a post office, a big bank, a **baseball** stadium, and a theater. There are many people outside on the street. Chicago is a big city.

Isaac and Wendy get off at the fourth stop. They walk to the museum. There is a big line. They are standing at the museum door.

"Oh no!" Wendy says. "This isn't my backpack!"

"It's Viktor's backpack!" Isaac says. "It was sitting near your backpack on the train! What can we do?"

"He is going to the park. We can meet Viktor there. His purple clothes are easy to see." Wendy walks up to woman. "How do we get to the park?"



baseball



## Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple



"It is not far," the woman says. "Turn left on the first street and turn right on the second street. It's less than a mile."

Isaac and Wendy run to the park. They run past the library and go on the walking bridge. From the bridge, they can see a lake and a park. The park has many tall trees. There are people eating lunch and sleeping in the sun. Isaac and Wendy are on the walking bridge, watching all the people.

"There he is!" Wendy says. "There is Purple Man!"

"His name is Viktor," Isaac says.

Viktor is sitting under a tree. They can see the purple backpack. They run to the tree.

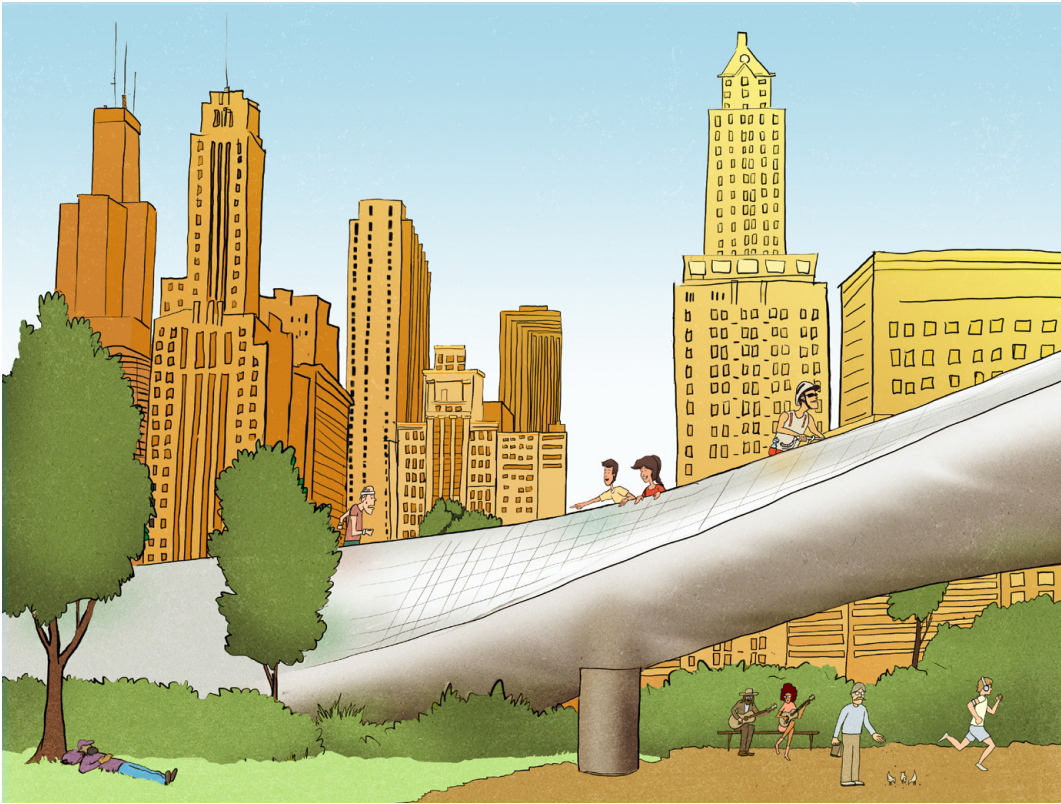
"He is sleeping," Isaac says. They don't want to wake Viktor, so Wendy takes her backpack, and leaves his backpack near the tree.

"Time for the museum," Wendy says. But Isaac is watching the orange and yellow fish swimming in the lake. The sun is on his face. The water is blue like the sky.

"This is nice," Isaac says. "We can go to the museum tomorrow."



## Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple



Circle the correct answer.

1. What are Isaac and Wendy doing when the story begins?

- A. waiting for a train
- B. looking at a map
- C. sitting in a museum

2. Wendy and Viktor have the same

- A. museum ticket.
- B. backpack.
- C. hat.

3. What train stop do Isaac and Wendy take for the museum?

- A. the second
- B. the third
- C. the fourth

4. What do Isaac and Wendy see from the walking bridge?

- A. people standing in a line
- B. people waiting for a train
- C. people sleeping in the sun

5. How far is the park from the museum?

- A. It is a little more than a mile.
- B. It is less than a mile.
- C. It is too far to walk.

6. Viktor doesn't like

- A. the name Purple Man.
- B. the museum in Chicago.
- C. the color of Wendy's clothes.

Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. When Isaac and Wendy are on the train, what does Isaac want to do? After they arrive at the park, what Isaac wants is different from before. What does he want to do? Why?

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8. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Oh no!" Wendy says. "This is not my backpack!"*

Where is Wendy's backpack? Write about it.

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Unit 5: The Man Wearing Purple

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

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10. Chicago is a big city and there is much to see there. What city do you want to visit? What do you want to see there?

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## Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains



Isaac and Wendy are in **South Dakota**. South Dakota has many gray mountains and miles of green grass. Yesterday they swam at the hotel and played soccer in the grass. It was nice. But today it's raining and cloudy, and they're in their hotel room.

Wendy is on the bed, writing a letter to her friend, Sue, in New York. Isaac is watching television. Wendy is writing and writing. Wendy has a **compass** with her on the bed. It's made of metal. Sue gave her the compass before Wendy and Isaac left New York. After ten minutes, Wendy stops writing. She's on the bed. Her face is in her pillow.

"Why are you **sad**?" Isaac asks.

"Because I miss home, and I miss my friends," Wendy says.

"Why don't you watch television with me?" Isaac asks.

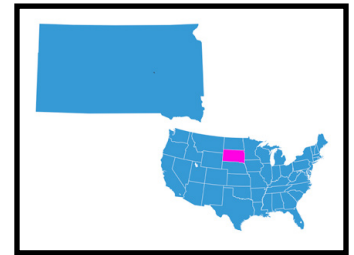
"I don't want to watch television."

"Why don't you listen to music?"

"That doesn't sound good either."

Wendy's hands are on her face. Isaac is standing near the bed. The television is off.

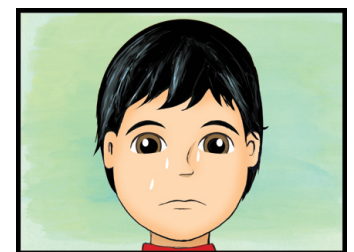
"We're near Mt. Rushmore. We can go walking in the woods. That would be nice!"



South Dakota



compass



sad



## Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains



"But it's raining," Wendy says.

"We have an umbrella! Why don't we go outside of this hotel room and have some fun!"

They're driving to Mt. Rushmore. It's in a big park, but there are not many people visiting the park because of the rain. They are walking in the woods. Isaac has the umbrella, but their clothes are getting wet. Wendy wants two umbrellas. She is sad. They're walking on a **trail**. They're tired, but they're walking and walking.

Far off on the mountain, they see the gray face of **George Washington**. There are four faces in the gray mountains. They are all **presidents** of the United States. The faces are big and gray. Wendy and Isaac are watching the faces in the rain. Isaac is **smiling**. But Wendy is not smiling.

"Look Wendy! The presidents on Mt. Rushmore are sad too. Their faces are all wet from **crying**!"

But Wendy doesn't smile at Isaac.

"I'm tired," she says. "I want to go to the hotel room."

They're walking to the car. They are walking in the woods. It is raining and raining. Their clothes are wet. Their shoes are wet. And they aren't on the trail. They turn right. They turn left. Where is the trail?

"Oh no!" Isaac says. "We are off the trail! How can we get to the car?"



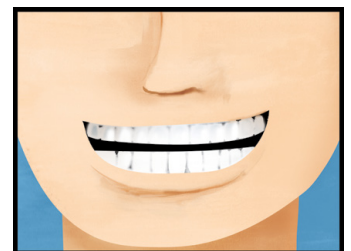
trail



George Washington



presidents



smiling



crying

## Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains



"I have my compass with me," Wendy says. She watches the compass, she reads a map of the park, and she watches the sky. "We need to turn left. Now the trail is straight ahead."

They walk and walk.

"The trail!" Isaac says. "Good work, Wendy!"

"You can thank Sue for giving me this compass!" Wendy is smiling now. She's not sad. They are walking to the car. They are driving to the hotel. It is raining and raining, but Wendy is smiling.



## Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains



Circle the correct answer.

1. In the story, yesterday the weather was

- A. cloudy.
- B. nice.
- C. rainy.

4. How many umbrellas do Isaac and Wendy have?

- A. none
- B. one
- C. two

2. What is Isaac doing when Wendy is writing a letter to Sue?

- A. playing with a compass
- B. swimming at the hotel
- C. watching television

5. Isaac says the presidents on Mt Rushmore are crying because

- A. there aren't many visitors in the park.
- B. he wants Wendy to smile.
- C. they are big and gray.

3. Wendy doesn't want to listen to music because

- A. she is sad.
- B. she is writing a letter.
- C. she is tired.

6. When Isaac and Wendy see they are off the trail, what does Wendy do?

- A. She listens for people speaking.
- B. She gives Isaac a map of the park.
- C. She watches the compass Sue gave her.

## Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Where is Mt. Rushmore? What does it have? Write about it.

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8. Before walking in the woods, Wendy is sad. After walking in the woods, she is smiling. Why? Write about it.

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Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Write about a time when you were sad. What did you do?

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10. Do you like walking in the rain? Why or why not?

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Unit 6: The Faces in the Mountains

11. You are Wendy. Write a letter to Sue.

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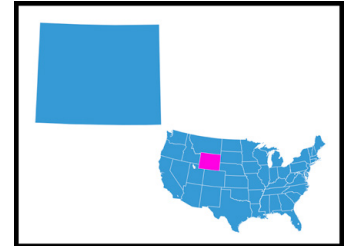
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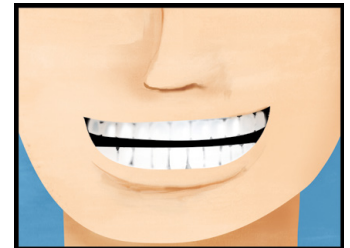
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## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars



Wyoming



smiling

It's July in **Wyoming**, and for miles and miles there is grass made yellow from the hot sun. Wendy is driving fast on the hot, black road. Isaac is not **smiling**. They are driving to meet Wendy's friend Jen, who lives in Wyoming. Jen's birthday party is this evening, and Wendy is driving fast because she wants to make it in time for the party.

"Slow down, Wendy! You're driving too fast!" says Isaac. "You want to see Jen, don't you?"

"I sure do. The last time I saw her was in May."

"Was that in New York?" asks Isaac.

"Yes, she comes to New York every spring to study **photography**. She's learning how to take photographs of clothes and jewelry.



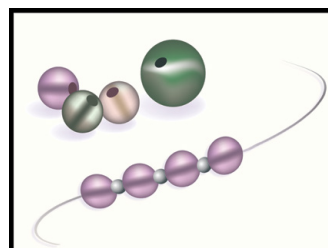
photography

"Oh, is that why you bought her a **necklace** for her birthday when we were in **Chicago**?"

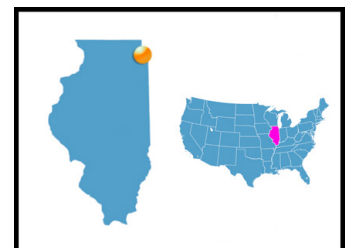


necklace

"Yes, she loves jewelry," says Wendy. "In her last email, I saw a photo of her dress, it's green like trees. She made it to wear to her party. The necklace is made of small brown wooden **beads**, and she can wear it with her dress. I know she'll love it!"



beads



Chicago

## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars



"Well, I don't want to go to the party," Isaac says. "Too many people."

"It's going to be a nice time," Wendy says. "There's going to be dinner and cake, and good music with singing and dancing. And Jen knows many people. You can meet a new friend!"

"I don't like singing or dancing, and I don't want to meet a new friend!" Isaac says, watching the grass from the car window. Wendy **laughs** and drives faster. She wants to see Jen.

It's evening when Isaac and Wendy arrive at Jen's house. It has a big **yard** with tall trees. The party is beginning and there are fifty people talking and laughing in the yard. There is a big table with plates of sandwiches, salads and vegetables. A second table has drinks and a birthday cake on it. There are **balloons** and flowers and musicians playing music.

"You're here!" Jen says to Wendy as she hugs her. "Oh, I missed you! It's so good to see you!"

"You too, Jen! Here, this for your birthday," says Wendy, giving Jen the necklace.

When Jen sees it, she hugs Wendy again. "I love the wooden beads with my green dress! Thank you! I can photograph it!" They talk and laugh.

Isaac walks around the party. He doesn't know any of the people. He doesn't know what to do, because he doesn't like talking to new people. He gets a sandwich, a salad, and some juice.



laughing



yard



balloons



## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars



A girl with red hair walks up to him. She's smiling. "My name is Laura. What's your name?"

Isaac's face is red. He doesn't know what to say, but Laura has a nice smile. "I'm Isaac. My sister is friends with Jen. We're on a **trip** to California."

"It's nice to meet you, Isaac. I'm with my sister, too. I don't know the people here. Do you want to sit in the grass and talk?"

They are talking and eating cake on the grass. Laura is eighteen years old and lives in Wyoming.

"In September, I'm going to college to study dance. I want to be a dancer, and I play piano too, so I'm going to a music college.

"I'm going to college in the fall, too," Isaac says. "I want to study science."

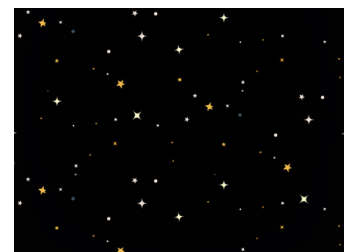
"What type of science?" asks Laura.

Isaac is watching the black sky. There are many white **stars**. "I want to study what is on the stars," he says. "Do you see that white, white star near the moon? Maybe there is a boy and girl on that star, sitting on the grass at a party watching us.

Laura watches Isaac. She smiles. They watch the stars. It's cold, and Isaac gives Laura his coat. They listen to the musicians playing.



trip



stars

## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars



"Dance with me!" Laura says.

"I'm the worst dancer," Isaac says. His face is red.

"That's okay!" Laura takes him to where all the people are dancing. Now Isaac is dancing with Laura. They dance and dance. Laura is a good dancer. Isaac dances badly, but it's okay, because he is having a good time.

It's late and many people have left the party. Wendy walks up to Isaac and Laura.

"I'm tired," Wendy says. "It's time to go to our hotel."

"One more dance," Isaac says. He and Laura are smiling.

Now Wendy is standing in the grass watching Isaac and Laura. Jen is standing with her. She's wearing her new necklace.

"He didn't want to come to the party!" Wendy says to Jen. "Now he doesn't want to go!"



## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars



Circle the correct answer.

1. Wendy and Isaac are driving in Wyoming in

- A. spring.
- B. summer.
- C. fall.

2. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*Wendy is driving fast because she wants to make it in time for the party.*

What does “to make it in time” mean?

- A. to arrive when the party begins
- B. to know what time the party begins
- C. to be the first guest to arrive at the party

3. What does Jen do when she comes to New York?

- A. She visits friends at parties.
- B. She makes jewelry and clothes.
- C. She goes to photography school.

4. Isaac doesn't want to go to the party because

- A. he doesn't know the people.
- B. he's too tired from driving.
- C. he wants to listen to music.

5. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*“He didn't want to come to the party!” Wendy says to Jen. “Now he doesn't want to go!”*

Which sentence from the story says to you that Isaac doesn't want to go?

- A. “I'm the worst dancer.”
- B. “One more dance.”
- C. “Dance with me!”

6. When does Isaac start having a good time at the party?

- A. when he meets Laura
- B. when he gets a sandwich
- C. when it's time to go back to the hotel



## Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Why does Wendy buy Jen a necklace for her birthday? Write about it.

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8. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Well, I don't want to go to the party," Isaac says. "Too many people."*

*"It's going to be a nice time," Wendy says.*

What does Wendy mean when she says "a nice time"? Does Isaac have a nice time at the party? Write about it.

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Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. When is your birthday? What do you do on your birthday?

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10. What do you want to do after high school?

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Unit 7: Dancing under the Stars

11. Jen’s house has a big yard with tall trees. Write about where you live.

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## Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake



Isaac and Wendy are in a sailboat on a cold blue lake. The lake is big and they see islands with tall, green pine trees. They see fish swimming under the water and an **eagle** in the sky. Isaac and Wendy are sitting at the front of the sailboat. It's windy and the sails are big. The sailboat is going fast on the lake and they are getting wet from the water in the wind. They are happy.

They are on Pierre's sailboat. Pierre is their father's friend and he lives in **Montana**. He's a doctor, but he likes to go sailing and fishing when he's not working. Today is Saturday and he is taking Isaac and Wendy on his sailboat for the first time. He's going to teach them how to fish.

Now it's not windy and the sailboat stops in the water. It's sunny and the morning sky is blue like the lake. Pierre brings the **fishing poles** and teaches Wendy and Isaac how to use them.

"I will get more fish than you, Isaac," Wendy says, and puts her fishing pole in the water.

"It doesn't matter who can get more fish," Pierre says, laughing.

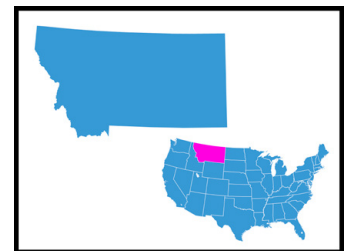
"Yes, it does!" Isaac says. "And I'm going to get the most!"

"You two are like your father!" he says, laughing. "You want to be the best!"

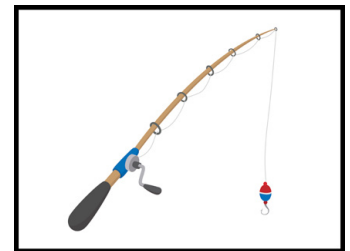
Isaac and Wendy laugh and put their fishing poles in the cold water. An hour goes by. When they get hungry, they eat some apples. They watch fish **jumping** in the lake and an eagle sitting in a tree.



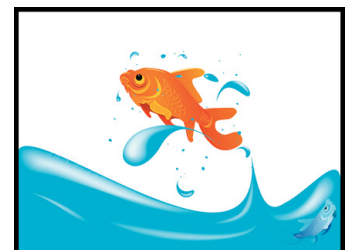
eagle



Montana



fishing pole



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## Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake



"I have one!" Wendy says. Her fishing pole is turning right and left. She's bringing in the fish. It's very big.

"Good one!" Pierre says. "That's a **trout**."

Wendy smiles at Isaac. "One for me. None for you." Isaac is not smiling.

They put their fishing poles in the water again. An hour goes by. Now it's time for lunch. Pierre's wife, Jean, made chicken sandwiches and potato salad. Pierre and the **twins** eat their lunches and talk about the twins' family. Now it's cloudy, and the lake is gray. They put their fishing poles in the water.

"I have one!" Wendy says. Her fishing pole is turning right and left. She's bringing in a second fish. It's a trout, too. This one is bigger than the first trout!

Wendy smiles at Isaac, but he is not happy. In the next two hours, Wendy gets three more fish, and Pierre gets two. Isaac has zero.

It is getting windy. Pierre looks at the sky and the lake and sees they are getting very gray. "It's getting late, and it may rain," Pierre says. "Time to go home and eat these fish for dinner!" The wind is in the sails, and the sailboat begins going fast on the lake.

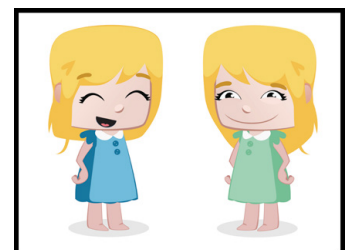
"I'm the best at fishing!" Wendy says to Isaac. "I have five fish, and you have zero! You're the worst!"

Isaac is angry and his face is all red.

"It's okay," Pierre says to Isaac. "You'll get some fish next time."



trout



twins

## Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake



It starts to rain. Isaac left his raincoat at Pierre's house, and now the rain is making his clothes wet. Isaac is cold, wet, and angry. What a bad day!

At the house, Jean is waiting for them. Wendy gives her the fish. Jean puts them in the kitchen, and then goes to find Isaac. He's sitting in the guest room with his face in a pillow. She can see he is not happy.

"Why don't you help me cook the fish, Isaac?"

Isaac walks in the kitchen. First, he washes the fish. Then, they use lemon, butter, and salt to cook the fish. Next, Isaac cooks the potatoes with pepper and butter. Finally, he makes a salad. Jean made a chocolate cake for dessert when they were fishing.

Isaac puts the fish with some lemon on a big plate, and brings it to the table in the dining room. Then, he brings the bowl of potatoes and the salad. Jean brings glasses of tea. The four of them sit down to dinner. Pierre starts eating his fish first, then Wendy and Jean. Isaac isn't eating. He is watching and waiting. One, two, three minutes go by.

Finally, Pierre says, "This is the best fish I've tasted!"

"It's all because of Isaac!" Jean says.

"I may be the best at getting the fish," Wendy says. "But Isaac is the best at cooking them!"

Isaac is not angry now. He's too busy smiling and eating the dinner he made.



## Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake



Circle the correct answer.

1. When the story begins, what are Isaac and Wendy doing?

- A. sailing on a lake
- B. camping on an island
- C. swimming in the water

2. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Good one!" Pierre says. "That's a trout."*

**"A trout" is a type of**

- A. fishing pole.
- B. sailboat.
- C. fish.

3. When they eat lunch, how many fish does Wendy have?

- A. zero
- B. one
- C. two

4. Where does Jean find Isaac?

- A. in the kitchen
- B. in the guest room
- C. in the dining room

5. Before Isaac cooks the fish, he

- A. washes it.
- B. makes dessert.
- C. cooks the potatoes.

6. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*Pierre starts eating his fish first, then Wendy and Jean. Isaac isn't eating. He is watching and waiting.*

**What is Isaac waiting for?**

- A. to see how they like the fish
- B. for his fish to cook
- C. to eat his dessert

## Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"You two are like your father!" Pierre says, laughing.*

Why does Pierre says Wendy and Isaac are like their father? Write about it.

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8. What is Isaac like at the beginning of the story? How is he different when the day goes from morning to afternoon? What is he like at the end of the story? Write about it.

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Unit 8: The Fish in the Lake

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. What do you want to be the best at doing? Why? Write about it.

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10. What weather do you like best? Why? Write about it.

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## Unit 9: The Broken Camera



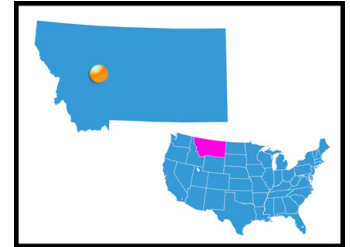
It's late in the afternoon, and Isaac and Wendy are tired of driving. They left **Helena, Montana** early in the morning, and they have been in the car all day. They stopped and bought sandwiches for lunch, and ate them in the car while they were driving. Now they're near **Boise, Idaho**. Eight hours in the car is too much! They're tired of listening to the radio and watching out the window. They're tired of sitting in the car hour after hour. They need some exercise.

"There's a park!" Isaac says. "We should stop and play catch with my **baseball**."

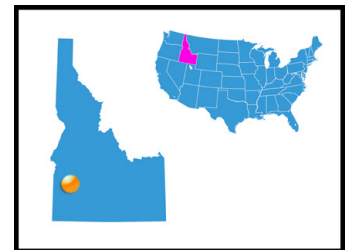
"Okay, it will be good to get out of the car," Wendy says. "The **hills** in this park are different from those in Montana. I want to take some photos with my camera."

The park has many hills with gray **rocks** and a lot of dry, brown **dirt**. There are some green trees, but not too many, and there is some green grass. It is dry and windy, and the dirt is in the wind. The sun is very hot. Wendy and Isaac are wearing hats so the sun doesn't get in their eyes.

Wendy takes her camera from her **backpack**. She loves the color of the gray rocks and brown dirt with the blue sky. She is taking many photos of the hills.



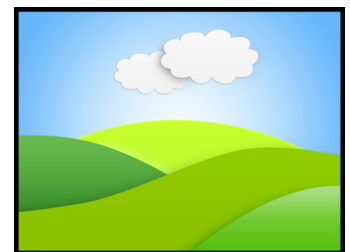
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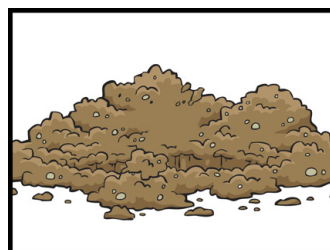
baseball



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"Wendy! You said we would play catch!" Isaac says. "Put your camera down and I'll throw you the baseball."

"I will! Give me one more minute," Wendy says, and then quickly she takes many more photos. Finally, she puts her camera in her backpack and puts it on. "Okay, you can throw it to me now," she says to Isaac.

"Okay, but I can throw the baseball better than you," Isaac says. "You won't be able to catch it!"

"I can catch it!" Wendy says. "It will be easy! Throw it high!"

Isaac throws the baseball high. It looks small in the blue sky. Wendy runs to catch it as it goes over her head. They are playing catch in the dirt and the grass, and it is difficult to run. She is running so fast that she isn't careful and doesn't see the rock behind her. She falls down in the dirt and onto her backpack.

"Oh, my knee!" Wendy says, and begins to cry.

"What's the matter, Wendy? Are you okay?" Isaac is running to her.

"My knee hurts!"

"It doesn't look too bad." Isaac helps Wendy sit up on the rock. He gets a bandage out of Wendy's backpack and puts it on her knee.



## Unit 9: The Broken Camera



Wendy looks in her backpack. "Oh, no! My camera! My camera is broken!"

It is a very expensive camera. Her parents gave it to her for her birthday when she was sixteen. Now the glass **lens** on the camera is broken and it doesn't work. Isaac gets his baseball and Wendy's backpack, and helps Wendy to the car. While they drive to a hotel, Wendy has her head in her hands.

At the hotel Wendy is crying on her bed. Isaac doesn't know what to do. He doesn't like it when his **twin** sister is sad.

"I'm going to the store," he says. "Do you want me to get you something?"

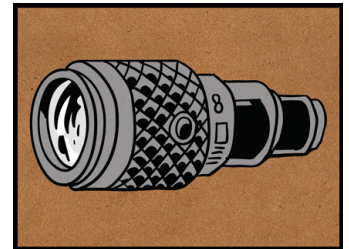
Wendy doesn't say a word, she just cries.

"Should I bring back some Chinese take-out for dinner? We can eat it in our hotel room."

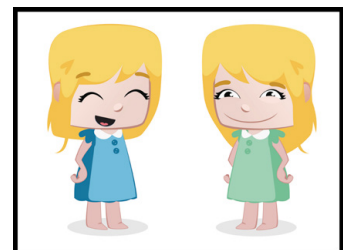
Wendy stops crying for a minute, looks at Isaac and says, "Get something for you to eat, I'm not hungry." Then she puts her face in her pillow and starts crying again.

Isaac says goodbye and goes to the car. He drives to Boise, where there are many stores. He looks at the sign on each store. Finally, he sees a sign that says, "Camera Repair." He walks inside and gives the broken camera to the woman in the store.

"A broken lens isn't always easy to repair," the woman says. "But this one should be easy. Give me twenty minutes!"



lens



twin

## Unit 9: The Broken Camera



Isaac walks down the street in Boise. He buys some juice from a store. Then, he sees a Chinese restaurant, and buys a dinner that he knows Wendy will love. After twenty minutes, he walks in the camera store. The camera is repaired! He pays the woman and drives back to the hotel. Wendy is still on the bed.

"Wendy, look! I have something for you. Your camera is like new!"

"What?" Wendy jumps off the bed and hugs her brother. "Oh, thank you, Isaac! I am so happy now! And I'm hungry! Did you bring dinner?"

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The next morning, they leave the hotel, and Isaac is driving down the street. Wendy is taking photos with her camera, and she starts taking photos of Isaac.

"Wendy, stop!" says Isaac. "It's better when the lens is broken!" He laughs and puts his hand in front of the camera.

Laughing, Wendy takes a photo of his hand. The twins are happy to be in their car, driving down the road.



## Unit 9: The Broken Camera



Circle the correct answer.

1. In the beginning of the story, Wendy and Isaac are
  - A. hungry.
  - B. happy.
  - C. tired.
  - D. lost.
2. What does Isaac want to do at the park?
  - A. eat a sandwich
  - B. sleep in the car
  - C. take some photos
  - D. get some exercise
3. How did Wendy get her camera?
  - A. her parents gave it to her
  - B. her brother gave it to her
  - C. she bought it in a camera store
  - D. she is renting it from a camera store
4. Wendy has her face in her pillow because she is
  - A. laughing.
  - B. sleeping.
  - C. smiling.
  - D. crying.
5. When Isaac goes to Boise, he is looking for a
  - A. hotel to stay the night.
  - B. store to repair Wendy's camera.
  - C. restaurant to sit down and eat dinner.
  - D. pharmacy to buy a bandage for Wendy's knee.
6. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Wendy, look! I have something for you. Your camera is like new!"*

The words "like new" help you know that

  - A. he likes the camera.
  - B. her camera is repaired.
  - C. he bought a new camera.
  - D. her camera is a better camera.

Unit 9: The Broken Camera

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. What photos does Wendy take in the story? Write about them.

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8. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Wendy, stop!" says Isaac. "It's better when the lens is broken!"*

Why does Isaac say this to Wendy?

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Unit 9: The Broken Camera

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Isaac makes Wendy happy when he had her camera repaired. Write about something you did to make someone you know happy.

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10. Write about a time you or someone you know got hurt. What happened?

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## Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo

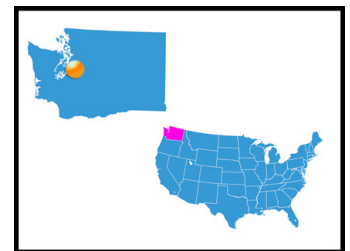


Isaac and Wendy arrived in **Seattle** last night, and today they are going to a wedding. The wedding is for their older cousin, Dan. Dan's mother and the **twins'** mom are sisters. Years ago, when they all were younger, Isaac and Wendy used to live near Dan in New York. They used to see Dan and his brother a lot, because their moms would visit each other. But then, Dan's family went to Seattle, and Isaac and Wendy haven't seen him in a long time. They are happy to be able to see Dan and his family today.

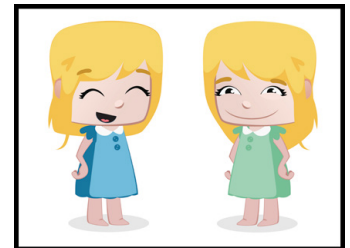
It is a sunny day, which is nice, because it rains a lot in Seattle, and the wedding will be outside in a big park near the city zoo. Wendy is wearing a purple dress and Isaac is wearing a white shirt with a red tie. They want to look nice for the wedding, which starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Wendy and Isaac arrive at 12 o'clock so they have time to visit the zoo before the wedding begins.

The zoo is very big with many animals, birds, and fish. They see penguins swimming in the water and walking on the ice. They see monkeys sitting on green **vines** eating insects and plants. They see beautiful **cranes** flying over their heads and other birds sitting in trees. There are tigers sleeping in the forest and dangerous sharks swimming behind glass. There is a building with rooms behind glass that look like the desert, where snakes live in the sand. Isaac loves plants and animals. He would have stayed at the zoo for hours if Wendy hadn't been watching the time.

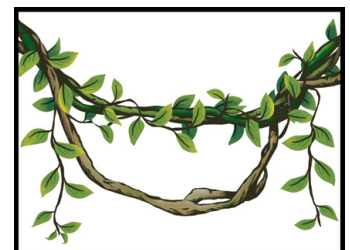
"The guests will be arriving soon," Wendy says, looking at her watch. "We don't want to be late. We should go to the park now."



Seattle



twins



vines



cranes

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They are walking to the **gate** when Isaac says, "Oh no! We didn't buy a **gift** for the wedding!"

"That's right! What are we going to do? There's only fifteen minutes before the wedding!"

Isaac is thinking. "There is a gift store right there. We can see what they have."

Isaac and Wendy go inside the store and look at everything there.

"What about this?" Wendy says. She is wearing a hat that looks like a fish.

"For a wedding?" Isaac says. "No, that's not good at all."

"What about these?" she says, holding out six plastic frogs. "Or this?" She holds out a whale made of wood.

"Those are toys! We can't give them toys for a wedding." He is running in the store. "There's nothing here we can use!"

"Well, this hat is mine. I'm going to buy it," says Wendy. After she pays for the hat, she looks at her watch. "Everyone is at the wedding by now. It will be starting soon. We should go."

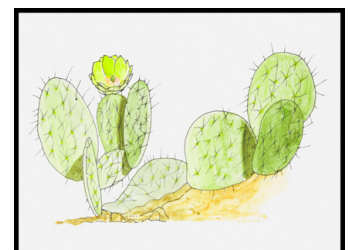
They are sad because they didn't find a gift, but they don't want to be late. When they leave the gift store, Isaac sees they are selling plants outside the store. On a table there is a **cactus** with one white flower. Smiling, he calls to Wendy.



gate



gift



cactus



## Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo



"I know this cactus! I read about it in a book on plants! This is the perfect wedding gift!"

"A cactus? That's not a good gift at all! Why would they want a cactus?"

But it's too late for questions. They buy the cactus and run to the park. There are at least a hundred people sitting on white chairs with **balloons**. The wedding is just beginning, and the twins quietly take their seats so the other guests don't hear them. Dan and his new wife Giulia look very happy together.

After the wedding, Isaac and Wendy walk up to Dan and Giulia to say congratulations. Isaac is holding the cactus with the one white flower.

"Isaac! Wendy! You came to my wedding! I'm so happy to see you," says Dan. "This is my wife, Giulia. Now she's your cousin too!"

"I'm so happy to meet you," says Giulia, giving Wendy a hug. "Dan has told me so much about you, and how you used to live near each other in New York." She tries to hug Isaac, but he is holding the cactus.

"Oh, sorry! This is for you," Isaac says, and gives the plant to the husband and wife. Giulia is looking at the white flower.

"It's beautiful," Giulia says. Wendy's face is red because she doesn't think a cactus is a good wedding gift.



balloons

## Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo



"This type of cactus grows a flower one day each year, and always on the same day," Isaac says. "From now on, when this cactus has a flower, you will know it's been one more year since your wedding day!"

"How beautiful!" Dan says. "Thank you so much!"

Now Wendy is smiling. "You are right," she says to Isaac. "That cactus is the best wedding gift!"



## Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo



Circle the correct answer.

1. What are Isaac and Wendy doing at 12 o'clock?

- A. watching the wedding
- B. visiting the zoo animals
- C. shopping at the gift shop
- D. putting on clothes at the hotel

2. What lives behind glass at the zoo?

- A. monkeys
- B. penguins
- C. snakes
- D. tigers

3. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*He would have stayed at the zoo for hours if Wendy hadn't been watching the time.*

The words "watching the time" lets you know that Wendy

- A. doesn't like the zoo.
- B. doesn't have a watch.
- C. doesn't want to leave.
- D. doesn't want to be late.

4. What does Wendy do in the gift store?

- A. She plays with toys.
- B. She buys a hat to wear.
- C. She finds a wedding gift.
- D. She reads a book about plants.

5. Read these sentences, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Isaac! Wendy! You came to my wedding! I'm so happy to see you," says Dan. "This is my wife, Giulia. Now she's your cousin too!"*

Giulia is the twins' "cousin" because she is married to Dan. How is Dan the twins' "cousin"?

- A. His father and their father are friends.
- B. His mother and their mother are sisters.
- C. His grandma and their grandpa are married.
- D. His family knew their family when they were children.

6. What does the story say about Isaac?

- A. He doesn't like to arrive late.
- B. He wants to give a good gift.
- C. He hopes to get married one day.
- D. He doesn't like to go to weddings.

Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Isaac and Wendy want to find a wedding gift for Dan and Giulia. How are the gifts that Wendy finds different from the gift that Isaac finds? Write about it.

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8. Why is the cactus a good wedding gift for Dan and Giulia? Write about it.

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Unit 10: A Wedding at the Zoo

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. You are Wendy. Write an e-mail to your mother about going to Dan’s wedding.

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10. Do you have cousins? Write about your family.

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## Unit 11: The Closed Restaurant



It is Sunday evening and Isaac and Wendy are driving in a small **town** in **Washington**. There is only one grocery store, a post office, a church, and some houses off the main street. All the stores are closed. The grocery store and gas station are closed too. They ate lunch hours ago, and now they're very hungry, but they can't find a restaurant that's open.

"What are we going to do?" Wendy says. "All we have to eat are these two apples and one banana! It's not enough! We'll go hungry!"

"We'll be okay," Isaac says. He is driving and looking out the window at the same time. "This town has to have a restaurant."

"I see a sign!" Wendy says. "Gino's Pizza Place! Go there!"

Isaac drives down the street and stops the car next to a shoe store across the street from the restaurant. The lights are on in the restaurant, but there are no people and the chairs are on the tables. The place is empty. They run across the street to the restaurant and read the sign in the window.

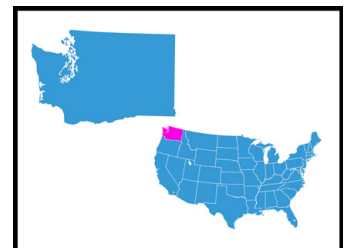
"Oh no! It's closed! But the lights are on." She puts her face to the window to see inside. "Look! There's a man inside. He's in the kitchen and wearing a white hat. I think he is the **chef**! Do you think he will make us some pizza if we ask?" She is knocking on the door.

"The restaurant is closed, Wendy," Isaac says. "We shouldn't be waiting outside like this. I'm going to the car."

"But here he comes!"



town



Washington



chef

## Unit 11: The Closed Restaurant



The chef is at the door. He has a red face and a big white **mustache**. He looks angry. "Can't you read the sign?"

"Hello," Wendy says. "Are you Gino?"

"Yes." He is talking fast. "I'm very busy. Who are you? What do you want?"

"I'm Wendy and this is my brother Isaac. We're on vacation and we're very, very, very hungry. We've been looking for a restaurant but they are all closed. Will you make us dinner?"

"No, we're closed! Everyone who works for me is out sick and I have to cook enough pizzas for a party of twenty people! I'm too busy!"

Isaac is walking to the car, but Wendy is not. "We can help you if you'll make us dinner after we're finished."

Gino is thinking it over. "Do you know how to make pizzas?"

"Sure! How difficult can it be?"

"Okay, come in. But we have a lot of work to do before you can eat. We have one hour to finish these pizzas." Isaac and Wendy smile, and go with Gino into the kitchen.

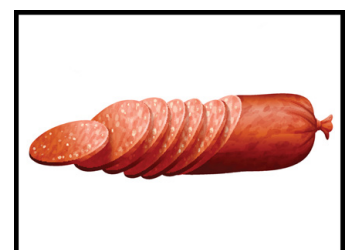
"First, you should weigh the **dough** on this scale, and then measure out the cheese," he says to Isaac. "Cut these fresh tomatoes," he says to Wendy. "Then cut the **pepperoni** with this big knife." Isaac and Wendy begin working.



mustache



dough



pepperoni



## Unit 11: The Closed Restaurant



Gino made the pizza **sauce** in the afternoon, and now he tastes it to be sure it has enough salt. He turns on the oven and it is getting hot. He is running here and there in the kitchen, looking at his watch every two minutes.

"Isaac, that's not enough cheese! Wendy, cut those tomatoes faster! Faster! Faster!"

When everything is measured and cut, Gino makes the dough into round pies. Next Isaac uses a big spoon to put the sauce on the dough, and then Wendy adds the cheese, tomatoes, and the pepperoni. Finally, Gino puts the pizzas into the oven. Wendy and Isaac are so hungry, and the smell of baking pizzas is making it worse. Wendy starts to eat some cheese, but Gino gets angry at her. "You have to wait!"

Soon the pizzas have finished baking. Gino uses his big knife and cuts the hot pizzas into slices. Then Wendy puts them into boxes and Isaac packs the boxes into Gino's car. A sign on the car says, "Gino's Pizza Place" with a photo of Gino and his big, white mustache. Now Isaac and Wendy are very hungry. They want Gino to return soon so they can eat.

Gino goes to his car, but nothing happens. It won't start. "Oh no! This car needs repairing. Can you take the pizzas to the party?" Gino asks.

Wendy and Isaac pack the pizzas boxes into their car and drive them to a party on the other end of town. They carry the boxes to the house where the people at the party are watching a **soccer** game on television. They are happy to get the pizzas.



sauce



soccer



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When they return to the restaurant, Isaac and Wendy have never been so hungry or so tired. They sit down and put their heads on the table. Then from the kitchen Gino brings out the biggest pizza they've ever seen. It has pepperoni and a pound of cheese.

"If you had not helped me, I never would have finished!" he says. "Now it's time to eat!"

He doesn't have to say it twice, because Isaac and Wendy are already eating the biggest slice of pizza they ever had!

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Circle the correct answer.

1. What do Isaac and Wendy see in the restaurant?

- A. people eating pizza
- B. a sign that says "Open"
- C. a man cleaning the floors
- D. tables with chairs on them

2. When the man comes to the door, he is

- A. afraid.
- B. angry.
- C. crying.
- D. laughing.

3. Why is Gino very busy?

- A. His employees didn't come to work.
- B. He has to clean the whole restaurant.
- C. Some important people are coming soon.
- D. There are many people eating in his restaurant.

4. If Gino cooks Wendy and Isaac dinner, what will they do?

- A. have a party for Gino
- B. help Gino make the pizzas
- C. wait outside while Gino cooks
- D. teach Gino how to make pizza

5. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Sure! How difficult can it be?"*

When Wendy says this, she is thinking that making pizza will be

- A. fast.
- B. dirty.
- C. easy.
- D. interesting.

6. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"If you had not helped me, I never would have finished!" he says. "Now it's time to eat!"*

In this part of the story, Gino is saying

- A. "I'm sorry."
- B. "Thank you."
- C. "What happened?"
- D. "I didn't need your help."

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Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Wendy looks in the window and says, "I think he is the chef!" What is a "chef"? Why does Wendy think Gino is the "chef"?

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8. Write about how Gino, Isaac, and Wendy make the pizza at Gino's Pizza Place.

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Unit 11: The Closed Restaurant

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. If you were a chef, what type of restaurant would you work in? Write about the food would you cook.

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10. Wendy and Isaac did a lot of work very fast to make the pizzas in one hour. Write about a time when you did a lot of work to finish something.

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## Unit 12: Lost in the Crowd



Wendy is looking out the window and all she can see are cars for miles. It is early on a sunny afternoon. Isaac is driving over the bridge into **Portland, Oregon**, and there are so many cars that he has to drive very slowly.

"What do you think is going on, Wendy?" asks Isaac.

"I don't know. But maybe we should find a place to stop." They go over the bridge and then drive on to the street. They find a place to stop the car near a **crowd** of people. There is music playing, and all the people are walking and eating and laughing.

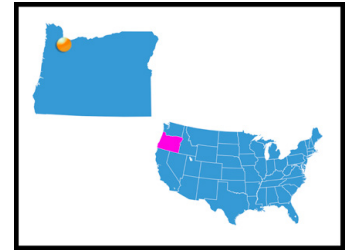
"Let's go see what it is," Wendy says, and she's already running out of the car into the crowd. Isaac runs after her. He has to run between the people to stay with her.

They come to a wide street full of **booths** and people. High over the street, there are signs that say, "Portland International **Festival**." As they walk down the street, Isaac and Wendy can smell different types of food and hear many types of music. They see that each booth has the name of a different country on it.

"Look at this, Wendy," says Isaac. "This is the Australian booth. Look at these snakes and photos of the Australian animals."

"That's interesting, but look at these beautiful **kimonos** at the Japanese booth. I would love to buy one, but they are too expensive," Wendy says. "Oh, look, Isaac! A **sombrero**! They are selling them at the Mexican booth. Do you want to buy one?"

"No, I don't need one, thank you. Wow, look at all those flags! There's one from



Portland, Oregon



crowd



booth



festival



kimonos



sombrero



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almost every country!" says Isaac looking at the many flags flying in a small park near the booths. "I see a German flag, an Egyptian flag, and there's the Chinese flag."

"Do you see that green flag, with the yellow square and blue round ball? What country is that flag from?" asks Wendy.

"I believe that's the Brazilian flag. I studied its history in school. It has twenty-seven **stars**, one for each state, like the flag from the United States has fifty stars for the fifty states."

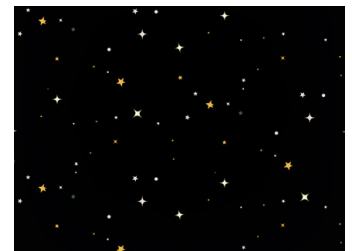
"That's very interesting!" Wendy says.

For the next hour, Isaac and Wendy walk through the festival, seeing all the different people celebrating, and listening to all the different languages spoken. They buy some Indian spicy vegetables from the Indian booth, taste the German baked chicken and potatoes from the German booth, and drink an Italian coffee. They are finishing a slice French chocolate cake when Isaac says, "I'm tired and my feet hurt from all the walking. I think we should go to the car and find a hotel."

"I agree," Wendy says. "I think if we go up this street, we can get to the car faster." She starts to walk to the street and Isaac goes after her. There are people all around them.

As they walk into the street, a big crowd of people are walking straight for them. Isaac and Wendy are now lost in the crowd of faces. Isaac looks, but he can't find Wendy.

"What's going on?" he says. A musician is playing a drum on his right. On his



stars



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left, a musician is playing a **trumpet**. In front of him and behind him, there are musicians walking together down the street, playing instruments. There is so much music, Isaac puts his hands over his ears. He can't see Wendy, so he calls out to her, but he can't hear his own words! Everyone is walking and Isaac has to walk with them, but he doesn't know where he's going.

"Wendy! Where are you?" But all he can see are musicians playing and people walking. They are laughing and smiling, but he's not happy, he's afraid. He wants to find his sister. "Wendy!"

"I'm here!" She is speaking to him, but he can't hear her. He can't see her. Then a hand is on his hand. He looks at Wendy's smiling face.

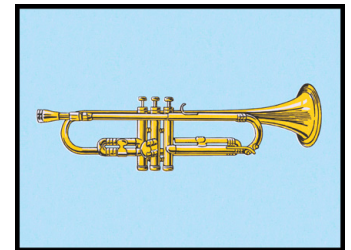
"I was looking all over for you!" Wendy says. "Where did you go?"

The musician on the right is still playing his drum, and the musician on the left is still playing her trumpet. Isaac and Wendy have their hands over their ears and they are running through the crowd of people, wanting to get out. In two minutes they are out of the big crowd.

"What were all those people doing?" Isaac says. His eyes are big and his face is red from all the running.

"It's a parade!" Wendy says, laughing. Isaac looks at the street and he can see all the people walking down the street together, playing music and holding flags. Now that he's far from the crowd, he's laughing too.

"You never know what will happen on vacation," Isaac says. "We stop the car for an hour and end up walking in a parade!"



trumpet

## Unit 12: Lost in the Crowd



Circle the correct answer.

1. At the beginning of the story, Isaac is driving slowly because

- A. he is looking for a place to stop.
- B. there is a big crowd of people.
- C. he is driving over a bridge.
- D. there are many cars.

2. When they find a place to stop, what does Wendy want to do?

- A. look at the bridge
- B. get some exercise
- C. find something to eat
- D. see what the crowd is doing

3. What do Isaac and Wendy find in Portland?

- A. a zoo
- B. a temple
- C. a festival
- D. a restaurant

4. What do Wendy and Isaac buy at the booths?

- A. a kimono
- B. photos
- C. food
- D. a flag

5. Isaac and Wendy eat dessert from the \_\_\_\_\_ booth.

- A. Italian
- B. Indian
- C. French
- D. German

6. What happens when Isaac and Wendy are walking to the car?

- A. They get hungry.
- B. They get lost in a parade.
- C. Isaac stops to listen to a concert.
- D. Wendy sees something she wants to buy.

Unit 12: Lost in the Crowd

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Write about the Portland International Festival. What do Isaac and Wendy see there? How are people celebrating?

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8. Why is Isaac afraid in the story? Write about it.

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What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling

9. If you had a booth for your country at the Portland International Festival, what would you have in it for the people to see and buy?

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10. What type of food, music, language or clothes from a different country do you like best? Write about it.

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## Unit 13: Sharks and Castles



Isaac and Wendy wake up at 6:00 a.m. They are at a hotel in a small **town** near the ocean in **Oregon** and have a lot of driving to do. They want to get to **Nevada** by the end of the day. It will take over eight hours, so they want to get an early start. After they take their showers, they pack their clothes into their suitcases, and put them into the car. Finally, they get in the car and start down the street.

Before leaving town, they stop at a restaurant called *Julie's* for breakfast. The restaurant is already busy, so they sit at the front counter.

"Good morning," says the waitress. "What would you like to order today?"

"I'd like **pancakes** and orange juice," Isaac says.

"I'd like eggs with mushrooms, and tea, please," Wendy says.

"Okay, it will be ready soon," says the waitress.

They are waiting for their food when a woman with a big backpack walks into the restaurant and sits down at the counter next to them. She looks very tired, and the backpack looks heavy. The waitress asks her what she wants to eat, and she orders a plate of eggs and a cup of coffee.

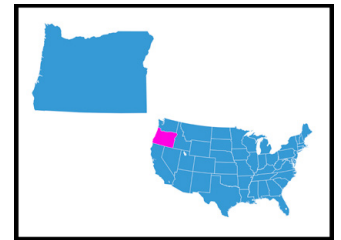
Wendy is watching the woman, and the woman sees Wendy looking at her.

"Hello," she says. "My name is Jennifer."

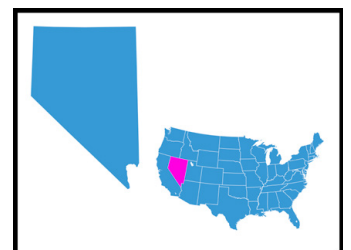
"Hi," Wendy says. "I'm Wendy and this is my brother Isaac. You look like you've been traveling."



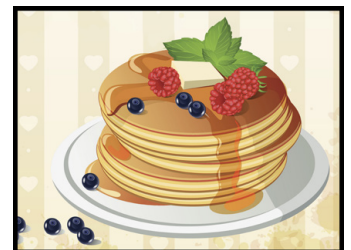
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Oregon



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pancakes

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"Yes, I have. I've just returned from a hiking trip in Europe. I have been traveling for six months. Now I'm going home to Portland."

"Six months!" Isaac says. "That's a long time to be hiking. What did you see?"

"Oh, I visited so many places that it would take hours to talk about all of it! I saw a castle in Scotland that was built almost nine hundred years ago! Then I went cross-country skiing in the mountains of Norway. I took a rowboat down a **river** in France and saw famous cathedrals. After that, I went to Spain to run with **bulls**, and went snorkeling in the ocean there and saw sharks! Oh yes, I took a tour of Rome, Italy, and saw so many interesting places, like the ancient stadium. But my favorite was **Trevi Fountain**."

"Where did you stay while you were traveling?" asks Wendy. "In hotels?"

"I stayed in inexpensive hotels, but many times I slept on trains. I traveled to every country in Europe, visited all the best museums, and met so many interesting people. But now I'm really happy to be going home."

Isaac and Wendy's eyes are wide from listening to Jennifer speak. After they finish eating, they say goodbye and get into the car.

Isaac is driving, and Wendy is looking out the window. She is very quiet. Isaac is singing to the music on the radio. Wendy isn't speaking at all.

"Are you okay?" he says. "You look sad."

She is watching the tall trees out the window. "Listening to Jennifer talk about her travels made me sad."



river



bull



Trevi Fountain



## Unit 13: Sharks and Castles



"Sad? Why?"

"Because she saw castles and sharks and sculptures on her vacation! Now our vacation looks boring!"

"It's not boring! We've seen better things than castles and sharks."

"Like what?"

"Well," says Isaac, thinking of something to say. "We saw a **ghost** near Pittsburgh!"

"That wasn't a ghost, Isaac, it was a white horse," says Wendy, as she looks sadly out the car window again.

"We went to Mt. Rushmore. That was fun."

"It was not fun. It was raining and we got lost."

"Yes, but you found the trail with your **compass**. You were so good!"

"Yes, that was good," says Wendy, starting to smile. "And remember when we went fishing in Montana?" Now she's laughing.

"That was NOT fun! You caught five fish and I didn't catch any!"

"But they tasted good, when you cooked them," says Wendy.



ghost



compass

## Unit 13: Sharks and Castles



Isaac laughs, and then he and Wendy are quiet again, remembering their long trip together as they drive down the road. After driving about fifty miles, Isaac sees a sign and stops the car.

"What are you doing?" Wendy asks.

"Come with me," Isaac says. They get out of the car and follow a long trail. Soon they are looking down on the Pacific Ocean. They are very high up, and the ocean looks so blue. The water lights up like **diamonds** as the sun touches it. Birds are flying in the **clouds**.

"It isn't a castle or a shark," Isaac says, looking at the ocean. "But it's still nice."

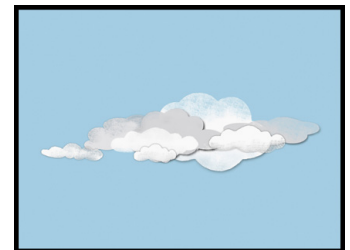
"It's more than nice," Wendy says. She is smiling now. "It's beautiful."

After about five minutes, she says, "Thank you for stopping here, Isaac. I've been thinking. Next year we are going to different schools, and we may not see each other very much. Maybe we didn't see castles and sharks on this trip, but we are traveling together. That's more important to me than ancient buildings."

They look down on the ocean one more time, then return to the car. They are happy again, and ready to see what happens next on their road trip.



diamonds



clouds



## Unit 13: Sharks and Castles



Circle the correct answer.

1. Why do Wendy and Isaac wake up early?

- A. It's a long drive to Nevada.
- B. There's a lot to see in the town.
- C. It's difficult to sleep in their hotel.
- D. They are meeting a friend for breakfast.

2. When Wendy and Isaac first see Jennifer, she looks

- A. sad.
- B. tired.
- C. happy.
- D. hungry.

3. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*Isaac and Wendy's eyes are wide from listening to Jennifer speak.*

The words "eyes are wide" let you know that Isaac and Wendy \_\_\_\_\_ what Jennifer says.

- A. don't believe
- B. don't understand
- C. are sad about
- D. are interested in

4. After Wendy leaves the restaurant, what does she think about Jennifer's trip?

- A. Six months is too long to travel.
- B. Traveling to Europe would be expensive.
- C. Wendy's travels are not as interesting Jennifer's.
- D. Wendy would be afraid to do what Jennifer did.

5. What does Wendy remember about Montana that makes her happy?

- A. cooking the fish she caught
- B. catching more fish than Isaac
- C. visiting a friend of their family
- D. watching Isaac having fun fishing

6. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*After driving about fifty miles, Isaac sees a sign and stops the car.*

What did Isaac probably read on the sign?

- A. "Street to Ocean Park"
- B. "50 Miles to Portland"
- C. "Hiking Trail to Ocean"
- D. "Welcome to Nevada"



## Unit 13: Sharks and Castles

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. What does Isaac do to make Wendy happy again? Write about it.

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8. By the end of the story, how does Wendy think about her trip with Isaac? How is her thinking different about their trip from before? Write about it.

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Unit 13: Sharks and Castles

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. You are Jennifer. Write a postcard to your friend from one of the places you visit in Europe.

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10. Jennifer visited many places in Europe, and Isaac and Wendy visited many places in the United States. Where would you like to visit on your vacation? What do you want to do?

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## Unit 14: The Money at the Hockey Game



Isaac is looking at the mountains from their hotel window in **Salt Lake City**. They have just arrived and he is hungry after a day of driving. "Let's go have dinner at a nice restaurant," says Isaac.

"Oh! I'd love that!" says Wendy. "But, wait. Do you know how much money we have left? We've been spending a lot of money on this trip, and we still have two weeks left."

"We can check, but we should be fine," says Isaac smiling.

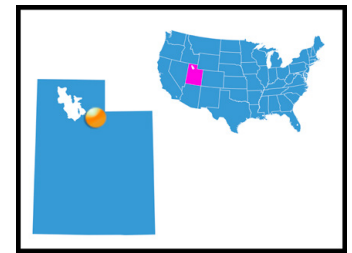
"I'm not so sure," says Wendy. "Why don't you look in the envelope and see how much we have, then we can decide where to go for dinner." She takes out a big envelope and gives it to Isaac. He sits at the desk in the hotel room and looks at the bills inside the envelope. He adds how much money they have spent on their trip so far. Now he is afraid, because their trip has been more expensive than they thought it would be.

"We're not going to a nice restaurant, Wendy," says Isaac. He's not smiling now. "There isn't much left. We need to be more careful with our money. Where are we going to get enough money for the rest of the trip?"

The room is quiet.

Then Isaac says, "I have an idea. Let's sell our tickets to that hockey game tomorrow. They were expensive, so we'll get a lot of money for them."

"We can't do that!" Wendy is very angry now. "It's the college hockey championship! That's why we came to Salt Lake City!"



Salt Lake City



## Unit 14: The Money at the Hockey Game



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helmets



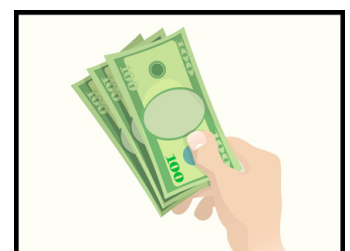
crowd



bench



purse



bills

Wendy loves hockey. When she learned that this year's college championship games were going to be played in Salt Lake City while they were traveling west, she asked her dad if he would buy tickets for them. Isaac knows how important the game is to her, so he says he'll go, but he really doesn't want to.

The next day they wait in line outside the hockey stadium with all the people. Wendy is very happy, but Isaac is still thinking about money. It is cold inside the hockey stadium because of all the ice. They find their seats, which are close to the **rink**. They can see the players wearing their ice-skates and **helmets**, getting ready for the game.

"These are good seats!" Wendy says as the game begins. As he watches the players hitting each other and falling on the ice, Isaac is thinking that he really doesn't like hockey. But the **crowd** loves it and it's very loud. It makes Isaac's head hurt, so he goes off to explore the lobby of the stadium. Wendy is too busy watching the game, and doesn't see Isaac leave.

He walks by the food counters. He is hungry, but the food is too expensive. He walks by the gift store, and sees all the hockey shirts and hockey hats. They are ugly and expensive. He takes a ride on the escalator. He is very bored.

Isaac sits on a **bench** in the hallway of the lobby when he sees a **purse** next to him. The purse is open, and there is money inside. Isaac looks to his right, and he looks to his left. There is a counter near the door with a receptionist, but the receptionist isn't looking, so Isaac looks in the purse. It is full of hundred-dollar **bills**!

Isaac doesn't know what to do. He is walking in the hallway. "The purse isn't mine," Isaac says. "But if I took it, I wouldn't have to think about money again. So I think I'll take it!" Isaac is happy, but he doesn't take it. He is still walking around

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the lobby. He is thinking and thinking. The more he thinks, the less happy he is. "I can't take the purse," he thinks after ten minutes. "It's not my money."

He takes the purse and walks to the receptionist at the counter. "Excuse me," he says. "I found this purse full of money, and I want to turn it in."

The receptionist is smiling. He has a big **beard** and glasses. "That is very nice of you." Now there are many people standing near Isaac. They are holding cameras. The receptionist takes off his beard and glasses.

"I have good news," the man says. "I am not a receptionist. I'm an actor! We are making a television show, and we put the purse on the bench to see what you would do! Since you chose to do what is right, you will receive a reward of one thousand dollars!"

Isaac doesn't know what to say. He stands there with his mouth open. The people with cameras are laughing and smiling at him. They give him the money from the purse and say, "Congratulations!"

Wendy is still watching the game when he returns. Isaac's mouth is still open.

"Where did you go, Isaac?"

"I was doing some thinking in the lobby," he says, "and I have an idea. After the game, let's have dinner at a nice restaurant."

"What? We can't do that. Isaac, we're running out of money!"

"It's okay," Isaac says, with a big smile on his face. "I think we'll have enough."



beard



## Unit 14: The Money at the Hockey Game



Circle the correct answer.

1. Before they go out to dinner, Wendy wants to know how much

- A. money they have left.
- B. the hockey tickets cost.
- C. gas they'll need for their trip.
- D. it costs to stay at the hotel.

2. What is inside the envelope Wendy gives Isaac?

- A. money and credit cards
- B. a letter from their father
- C. tickets to the hockey game
- D. bills from what they bought

3. After Isaac looks inside the envelope, he is

- A. sad.
- B. bored.
- C. angry.
- D. afraid.

4. Isaac is going to the hockey game because

- A. he loves hockey.
- B. it's important to Wendy.
- C. the tickets were expensive.
- D. it's the championship game.

5. What is it like inside the hockey stadium?

- A. cold and loud
- B. hot and dark
- C. empty and quiet
- D. beautiful and clean

6. What does Isaac learn about the purse in the lobby?

- A. It is being used for a television show.
- B. The receptionist is the one who lost it.
- C. It is a gift to the twins from their father.
- D. The person who lost it already left the stadium.



Unit 14: The Money at the Hockey Game

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. When Isaac sees the purse in the lobby, what ideas does he have about it? How are his ideas different as he thinks about it more? Write about it.

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8. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"Since you chose to do what is right, you will receive a reward of one thousand dollars!"*

What did Isaac do that was "right"? Why was it right? Write about it.

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What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. In the story, Isaac get a reward of one thousand dollars because he does what is right. What would happen if Isaac didn't do what's right? Write a new ending for the story where Isaac doesn't turn in the purse.

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10. Write about when you had a difficult time choosing what to do. Did you choose what was right? Write about it.

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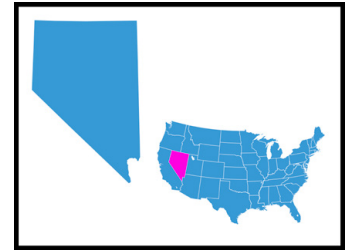
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## Unit 15: A Flat Tire in the Desert



Nevada



town

Wendy is driving down the long **Nevada** road. They haven't seen a **town**, or even a house, in many miles. They pass through an intersection, but there are no cars. All they can see are the **cactus** plants, tall brown **rocks**, and miles of sand.

"These hills are very different, aren't they, Isaac?" asks Wendy looking out the car window. "They are all different sizes and go straight up!"

"And they look like their heads are cut off! How did they become flat like that? I didn't know the desert would be so beautiful. We should take a vacation and just stay in the desert, so we can study the rocks and plants here."

"It's beautiful to drive through, Isaac, but I'm not taking a whole vacation here!"

Just then the car makes a loud noise and starts moving from side to side. Wendy carefully drives the car off the road and stops. "What happened?" she asks, as she and Isaac get out of the car. Isaac walks around the car to see what's wrong.

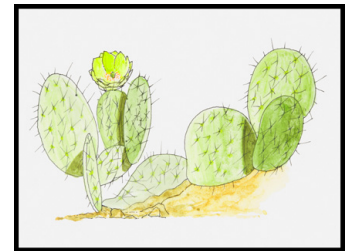
"We have a flat tire," he says, looking at the front of the car. "It looks like we ran over a nail, maybe when we drove through that intersection."

"That's too bad. Get the spare tire and the **jack** from the trunk and we'll replace the front tire. When we get to a town, we can get it repaired."

When Isaac returns to the front of the car, he looks worried. "The spare tire is flat too."

"What? How? You said you were going to check the spare before we left."

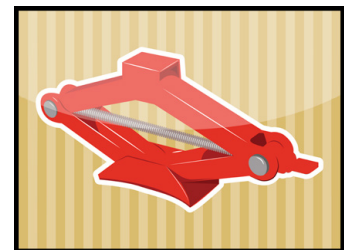
"I forgot," Isaac says. He is embarrassed. "There were so many other things to do before we left."



cactus



rocks



jack



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Wendy is very worried now. "We're in the desert! Our cell phones aren't working and we're miles from any city. What are we going to do?"

"I'll walk to the next house and find someone to help."

"You shouldn't walk alone," Wendy says, getting bottles of water and a backpack from the car. "We'll go together."

The hot desert sun is on their faces as they walk. A **vulture** is flying in the white sky. They walk and walk. A brown snake moves by their feet and Isaac jumps because he doesn't like snakes. They walk and walk. The sun is near the mountains now, and the sky is turning from orange to purple. It is beginning to get cold. They have been walking for hours and it's almost night. They are very worried.

"There's a light ahead!" Wendy says. "I think it's a house!" They run to the house.

"Who's there?" says an old man from inside the house.

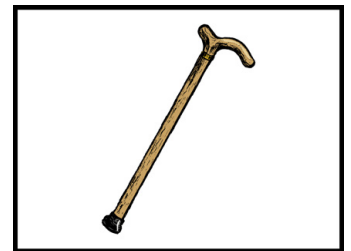
"My name is Wendy and this is my brother Isaac. We're driving to California and our car has a flat tire. Can you help us?"

The door opens. Wendy and Isaac see an old man with a **cane**. He looks angry.

"It's almost dinner time. I won't help you," the man says. Wendy and Isaac want to cry because they've been walking for so long. An old woman is in the kitchen. She looks surprised to see Isaac and Wendy. The whole house smells like **beef stew**.



vulture



cane



beef stew

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"Please," Wendy says. "We don't know what to do."

Now the man has a smile on his face. He starts to laugh. "You didn't let me finish. You look hungry and tired. I won't help you until after you share our stew with us. Now come inside and wash up. It's almost dinner time."

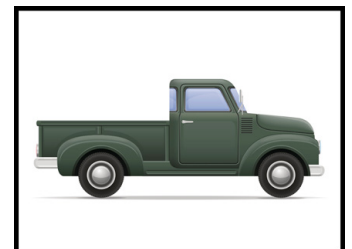
The old woman is smiling when Wendy and Isaac walk in. The house is very warm and the food smells good.

"My name is Emi," the woman says. "And this is my husband George. You found the right house. George was a mechanic for forty years."

Isaac and Wendy are so happy to be inside the house. They wash their faces in the bathroom, and when they return, there is hot stew for them on the table. During dinner, Isaac asks George and Emi many questions about living in the desert. He is surprised to learn how many different animals live there.

After dinner, George puts a box with his wrenches and screwdrivers in his **truck**, and he and Isaac drive to the car. He takes the nail out of the front tire with his pliers, but can't repair the flat tire, so he repairs the spare and uses the jack to put the spare on the car. He sees a problem under the car, and uses his wrench to stop the small oil leak. Isaac gets in the car and follows George's truck back to the house.

"You may need to replace that tire, and you should have that leak checked at the mechanic's shop tomorrow," says George, when they return to the house. "But, it's late now, so you two can stay here tonight."



truck



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Wendy helps Emi makes beds for them in the guest room. After the long, difficult day, it is very nice to finally sleep in warm bed.

The next morning, Wendy and Isaac thank George and Emi for their help. They are sad to leave, but they need to get to the mechanic's shop.

"I'm going to visit George and Emi when I take my desert vacation," says Isaac, driving toward the town.

Wendy laughs, "Well, say hello to them for me, because I'll be at the ocean!"



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Circle the correct answer.

**1. Why does Isaac want to take a vacation in the desert?**

- A. He wants to go hiking there.
- B. He wants to climb the hills and rocks.
- C. He wants to meet the people who live there.
- D. He wants to learn about the rocks and plants.

**2. Why does Wendy drive off the road?**

- A. so that Isaac can look at the plants
- B. so that Wendy can take some photos
- C. because something happened to the car
- D. because there is something in the road

**3. Why can't Isaac and Wendy replace the front tire?**

- A. The spare tire is flat.
- B. They forgot to bring a jack.
- C. There is an oil leak in the car.
- D. They don't know how to do it.

**4. What do Wendy and Isaac smell in George and Emi's house?**

- A. food
- B. flowers
- C. the desert
- D. a fireplace

**5. What does Isaac learn from George and Emi during dinner?**

- A. how to repair a car
- B. how to make beef stew
- C. where to find a mechanic's shop
- D. what types of animals live in the desert

**6. When Wendy and Isaac go to bed, they are**

- A. happy.
- B. worried.
- C. surprised.
- D. embarrassed.

## Unit 15: A Flat Tire in the Desert

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. What do Wendy and Isaac see while they are walking through the desert? How long are they walking? How do you know?

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8. Write about the welcome George gives Wendy and Isaac when they come to the door.

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Unit 15: A Flat Tire in the Desert

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. George and Emi helped Wendy and Isaac when their car had a flat tire. Write about someone who has helped you or someone you helped.

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10. Where have you been that you would like to return to for a vacation or a longer visit? Why would you like to return there? Write about it.

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## Unit 16: A Boring Laundromat



Wendy wakes up early to get ready for the day. She and Isaac are near the **Redwood** Forests of northern California and want to go hiking today in a park where redwood trees grow. Wendy read that the trees are the tallest living things, and some of them are over a thousand years old. She has always wanted to take photos of these tall, ancient redwood trees.

"Get up, Isaac," she says, taking his blanket off the bed. "We need to leave now! The early morning light is best for taking photos."

Isaac is coughing and brings the blanket back over his head. "I think I'm sick. I feel nauseated, and I have a fever." His face is very white and his eyes are red. Then he sneezes.

"Bless you!" Wendy says. "How did you get sick anyway? Was it that fried pork you ate last night at the Chinese restaurant? We should have gone to that vegetarian cafe instead."

"No, I don't think it was the food, because I'm sneezing, and my nose is itchy."

"But you feel well enough to go hiking, right?" Wendy says. "We're leaving town tomorrow. If we don't go to the Redwood Forest today, we won't go at all!" She sits on the couch and looks at her camera.

"My stomach feels like there are fish swimming in it. I can't go."

"Maybe I'll go hiking alone."

"Mom and Dad wouldn't like that," Isaac says. "It's dangerous."



Redwood

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"But what can I do? I don't want to sit here all day while you're sick."

"We don't have any clean clothes. Maybe you can go to the laundromat in **town**."

"The laundromat!" Wendy is not happy and her face is red. "Instead of taking photos of the redwood forest, I have to wash clothes! How boring!"

"I'm sorry, Wendy," Isaac says, putting his head on the pillow. Before Wendy can say anything, he is sleeping again.

Wendy is angry as she puts the dirty clothes into the car. Just before she leaves the hotel, she puts her camera in the car too. She drives through the town until she finds a laundromat.

At the laundromat, there is an old man with a mustache sitting on a **bench** outside. He's wearing a heavy coat, but it's a hot day. Wendy sees something moving inside his coat and stops to see what it is. An animal's green head comes out of the man's coat and looks at Wendy.

"What is that?" she asks.

"This is Cindy," the old man says. "She's an **iguana**. I've had her since she was just a baby." To Wendy's surprise, the iguana climbs on top of the man's head and sits down. Wendy starts to laugh.

"Can I take a photo of you and Cindy?" she asks the man.



town



bench



iguana



## Unit 16: A Boring Laundromat



"Yes, but I don't see why you're laughing," the old man says without smiling. Wendy takes some photos of the iguana on the man's head, and then brings her dirty clothes into the laundromat. She puts some shirts and pants into the washing machine and waits, still laughing about the iguana.

While she is waiting, Wendy looks around the laundromat. She reads a sign on the wall. It says you can bring your dirty clothes here in the morning, and someone named Sara will wash, iron, and fold them for you. She will also sew on buttons and torn pants and shirts. You can pick up your clean clothes in the afternoon, for just \$1.00 for each pound of clothes. "I should have left these clothes here and driven to the forest," says Wendy.

Then she sees a **mannequin** standing by the wall. It's wearing so many clothes that it looks twice as big as it should be. It has three hats, a purple scarf, leather boots, five jackets, shorts, pants, and one wool glove. Next to the mannequin is a sign that says, "My name is Allen. I am wearing all the clothes that have been left behind over the years." Wendy laughs and takes photos of the mannequin. Then she sees a big **mural** on the far wall. It is a painting of whales and fish in the ocean wearing clothing. "This is a strange laundromat! Now I'm happy I came here!"

She's so busy taking photos that the time goes by fast. Soon all the clothes are clean and dry, so Wendy folds them, then puts them into the car and returns to the hotel.

When Wendy arrives back at the hotel room, Isaac is sitting on the bed watching television. He turns it off and helps Wendy carry in the clothes. He is careful, because he thinks she will still be angry after staying all day in the laundromat instead of the forest.



mannequin



mural



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"Oh, thank you, Isaac. Are you feeling better?" asks Wendy. She is smiling and not angry anymore. Isaac doesn't understand.

"Yes, I'm much better. I'm still sneezing, but I'm not nauseated and the fever is gone. Maybe, I just needed to sleep," says Isaac. "Listen, Wendy, I'm really sorry about the not going to the Redwood Forest today. I know you really wanted to go."

"Oh that? It's okay. I took so many interesting photos of this strange laundromat. If we went to the Redwood Forest, I would have missed it!"

## Unit 16: A Boring Laundromat



Circle the correct answer.

1. Why does Wendy get up early today?

- A. The laundry needs to be done.
- B. Isaac's coughing wakes her up.
- C. She wants take photos of trees.
- D. She wants to make breakfast for Isaac.

2. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*"My stomach feels like there are fish swimming in it."*

When Isaac says this, you know that he

- A. has a rash.
- B. has a fever.
- C. is coughing.
- D. is nauseated.

3. What does Isaac want Wendy to do while he's sick?

- A. take photos
- B. wash their clothes
- C. sew buttons on his shirt
- D. get him some Chinese food

4. When Wendy leaves the hotel to go to the laundromat, she is

- A. angry.
- B. bored.
- C. surprised.
- D. embarrassed.

5. Read this sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*Then she sees a big mural on the far wall.*

What is a "mural"?

- A. a painting on a wall
- B. a photo of a building
- C. a glass box where fish swim
- D. a place to hang your clothes

6. Why is Wendy smiling at the end of the story?

- A. She is happy that Isaac is not sick anymore.
- B. She had fun taking photos at the laundromat.
- C. She is sorry that she was angry when Isaac was sick.
- D. She thinks they will be able to go to the forest now.

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Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Isaac thinks he’s sick. How does he feel?

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8. Write about the photos Wendy takes at the laundromat.

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What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Wendy reads a sign on the laundromat wall. What is on the sign? Write what the sign probably says.

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10. Write about a time when you were sick. How did you feel? What did you do to feel better?

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11. You are the old man sitting in front of the laundromat. Write an e-mail to your friend about the girl with the camera, who came to do her laundry today.

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## Unit 17: Working on a Farm



Isaac and Wendy are visiting their Uncle Jimmy, who has a farm near **Fresno, California**. They arrived just in time for dinner, and now it is sunset. They are sitting in front of his house, eating apple pie. Green fields of corn, beans, and fruit trees are all around the house. Next to the house is a tall red **barn** with cows and pigs walking around. Near the barn is a large garden full of vegetable plants. Wendy and Isaac can hear chickens walking around a wooden chicken coop.

"It's beautiful out here, Uncle Jimmy," Wendy says, smelling the clean air. "Don't you think being on the farm is the best place to live?"

"Yes, but your mother didn't think so!" says Jimmy. "She loved the farm when we were growing up, but when we were in high school, she went to visit a friend in Chicago. When she came home, she told our parents, 'I prefer the city.' After she finished high school, she left, and I stayed on the farm."

"I can see why you stayed. It's so quiet here. You must have it easy living so far from the city."

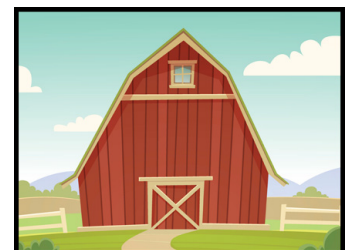
Jimmy laughs. "You can help me with my work tomorrow. Then you'll see how easy my life is."

Isaac and Wendy look at each other. "That would be fun!"

Isaac and Wendy sleep in a small room near the chickens. It is still dark outside when a loud **rooster** wakes them up. "What is that?" Wendy says, jumping out of bed. It is just sunrise when they walk out of the room, their eyes half open. Standing in front of the house, they hear loud tractors harvesting corn, men working in the bean fields, and big machines watering the wheat fields. A pickup truck drives by with a load of wood and wire to repair fences.



Fresno, California



barn



rooster



## Unit 17: Working on a Farm



They see Jimmy standing outside by the barn with a **rake**. "What took you so long?" he said with a smile. "You can't sleep late when you're working on a farm."

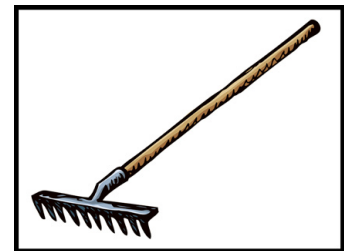
Wendy looks at her watch. "But it's not even five in the morning!"

"Let's get to work, then," Jimmy says. "Isaac, get the eggs from the chicken coop first, then feed the pigs. Wendy, you harvest carrots from the garden and apples from the orchard. When you're finished with those, come find me in the barn and I'll have more for you to do."

Isaac is happy when he goes into the chicken coop. All the chickens are sitting on their eggs. "Good morning, chickens!" He puts his hand under the first chicken, but it pecks at his hand with its **beak**. "Ow! How am I going to get the eggs?" He tries again. "Please, nice chickens, may I have your eggs?" But they get very angry, and peck and peck at him. It takes him almost fifteen minutes to get three eggs. Now he's not smiling.

"The pigs will be happy to see me!" Isaac says as he takes the bucket of pig food to the pig pen. He doesn't know he can feed them from outside the fence. Instead he goes into the pen. "Here little pigs, here is your food!" As the pigs walk closer to get their breakfast, the biggest pig gives Isaac a push from behind. Down goes Isaac into the **mud**! "Oh no! Now I have mud all over my clothes!"

On the other end of the farm, Wendy is on her hands and knees pulling carrots from the dirt. She digs and pulls and pulls and digs. Her hands are red and swollen after getting just five carrots. Then, her hair falls in her face, and when



rake



beak



mud

## Unit 17: Working on a Farm



she pushes it back, she gets dirt all over her head. "Five carrots is enough! I'm going to get the apples now."

She walks to the orchard, where the apple trees are growing, and climbs a ladder by one of the tall trees, trying to get the best apples. Her hand touches something gray hanging in the tree. It's a **beehive**! Now there are bees flying all around her. She takes the two apples she already picked and runs from the bees.

Wendy runs toward the pig pen just as Isaac comes out with the empty bucket. Wendy's hair is full of dirt and Isaac has mud all over him. They are embarrassed when they walk to the barn to find Uncle Jimmy. Uncle Jimmy looks at their three eggs, five carrots, and two apples. "Not so easy, is it?" he laughs. "Let's go inside and I'll make you some breakfast. You need it after all your hard work!"



beehive

After breakfast, they work all day planting seeds, feeding the cows, and watering the plants. They are very tired when they return to the house in the afternoon, but they are happy.

The next morning, Isaac and Wendy are still tired from all the farm work, but they have to leave. They hug their uncle and say goodbye. After driving a little while, they stop at a grocery store. They see all the white eggs in the refrigerator and the hundreds of fresh, red apples.

"I've never thought about how difficult it is to harvest all this food," Isaac says.

"Me neither," Wendy says. "From now on, I'll think about it every time I'm in a grocery store!"



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Circle the correct answer.

1. When do Isaac and Wendy arrive at the farm?

- A. in the morning
- B. at noon
- C. in the evening
- D. at night

2. Uncle Jimmy says you can't sleep late when you're working on a farm, because

- A. the animals are so loud.
- B. the sunrise is so beautiful.
- C. there is much work to do.
- D. there are so many fun things to do.

3. What problem does Isaac have in the chicken coop?

- A. He can't find where the eggs are.
- B. Some of the eggs fall and get broken.
- C. The chickens are hungry and think he has food.
- D. The chickens try to stop him from taking the eggs.

4. What problem does Wendy have while she is harvesting carrots?

- A. She falls in the mud.
- B. Her hands get swollen.
- C. Bees fly all around her.
- D. She eats most of the carrots.

5. When Wendy and Isaac find Uncle Jimmy in the barn, they are

- A. tired and happy.
- B. feverish and itchy.
- C. surprised and angry.
- D. dirty and embarrassed.

6. What do Isaac and Wendy learn in this story?

- A. Living on a farm is easy.
- B. Harvesting food is difficult.
- C. Working with animals is fun.
- D. Getting up at sunrise is nice.



## Unit 17: Working on a Farm

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. On the farm, the cows live in the barn. Write about **three** other different homes in the story and who lives there.

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8. How is Uncle Jimmy's farm different during the night and during the day? Write about it.

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Unit 17: Working on a Farm

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Would you like to live on a farm like Uncle Jimmy, or would you prefer the city like the twins' mom?

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10. Write about a time when you were surprised because something was different from how you thought it would be.

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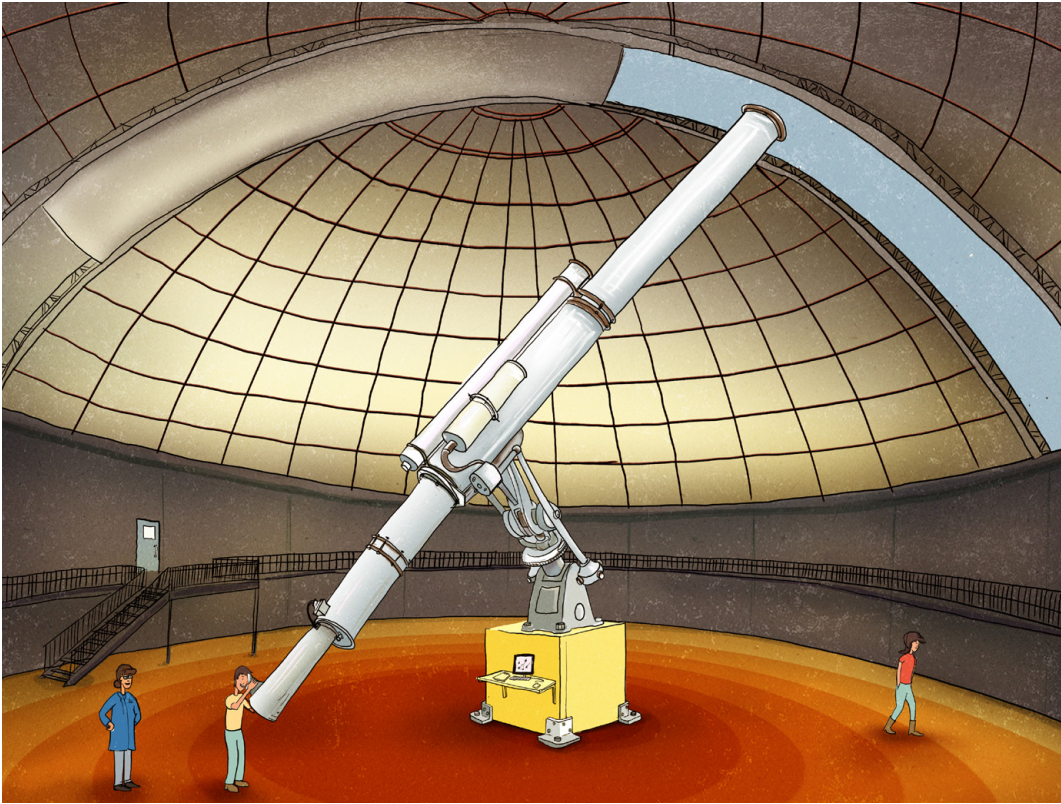
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## Unit 18: Visiting Isaac's College



"We're almost there!" says Isaac. They left **San Jose, California** about an hour ago, and now they are driving up a small mountain road. At the top of the mountain is a large building with many different size **domes**. "This is where I'll be studying astronomy!"

"You have to come all the way up here to study?" asks Wendy.

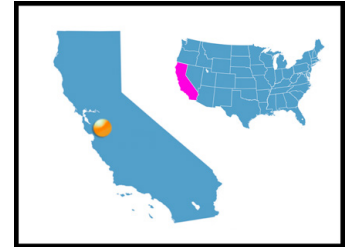
Isaac smiles, "This is the Lick **Observatory**. It is one of the biggest in the country. Many schools and astronomers share the telescopes here. My college is about twenty-five miles east of here, but I'll come here to use the telescopes and laboratory."

Once Isaac gets out of the car, he is almost running to the building. Wendy is walking a few feet behind him with her hands in her pockets.

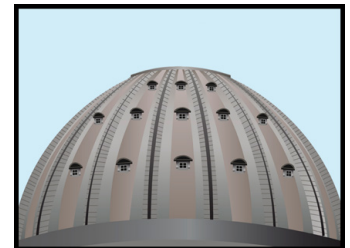
"I don't know why you like astronomy so much," Wendy says, **frowning**. "It's all so far away. Stars are beautiful, but you can't touch them the way you can touch things you study in biology. It's all just looking and a lot of math."

"Astronomy is more than just multiplying and dividing," Isaac says with a laugh. "It's learning about the mysteries of the **universe**! There are so many questions that need to be answered! How big is the universe? How did it begin? Have you ever thought about if there are people like us living on other planets?"

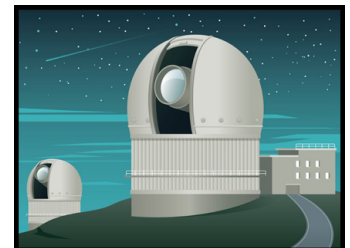
"Oh, please! That's all science fiction!" Wendy says, but Isaac isn't listening to his sister. He is looking at the high ceiling of the lobby, painted to look like stars and planets in a night sky. On the walls are large photographs of the stars and planets of the universe.



San Jose, California



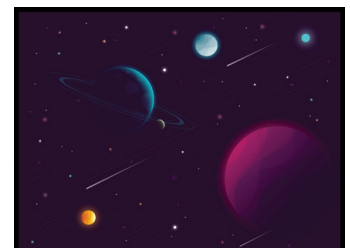
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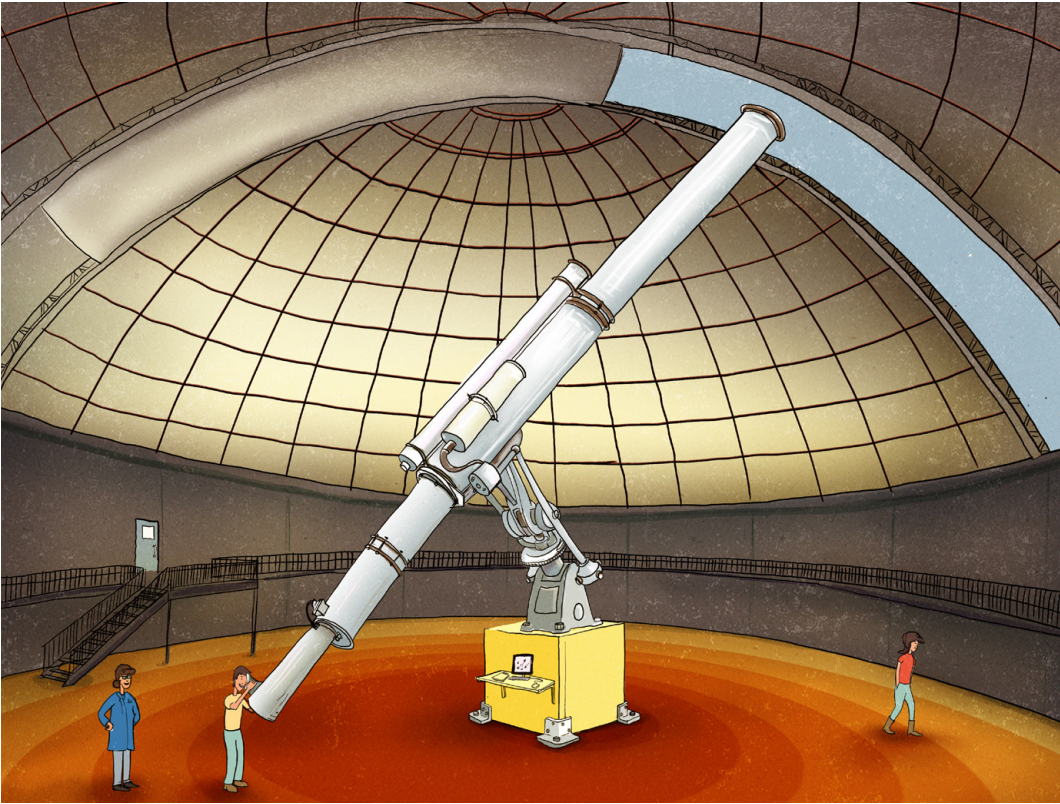
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## Unit 18: Visiting Isaac's College



"Wendy, look at these! Scientists took these photos looking through a telescope."

"Yes, they are beautiful. What type of camera do they use?"

"I don't know, but I'll tell you in the fall! I can't believe I'll be going to college here! This place is great!"

There are many telescopes at the observatory that astronomers use to look at the sky. But today Wendy and Isaac aren't students, so they take a tour to see the biggest telescope at the observatory. A guide takes them to the top floor of the building and they enter a room with a dome ceiling. There is a very big telescope in the middle of the room.

"We have five big telescopes in domes like this," says the guide. "We also send telescopes into space to take photos far from what we can see on Earth. We've discovered many new planets."

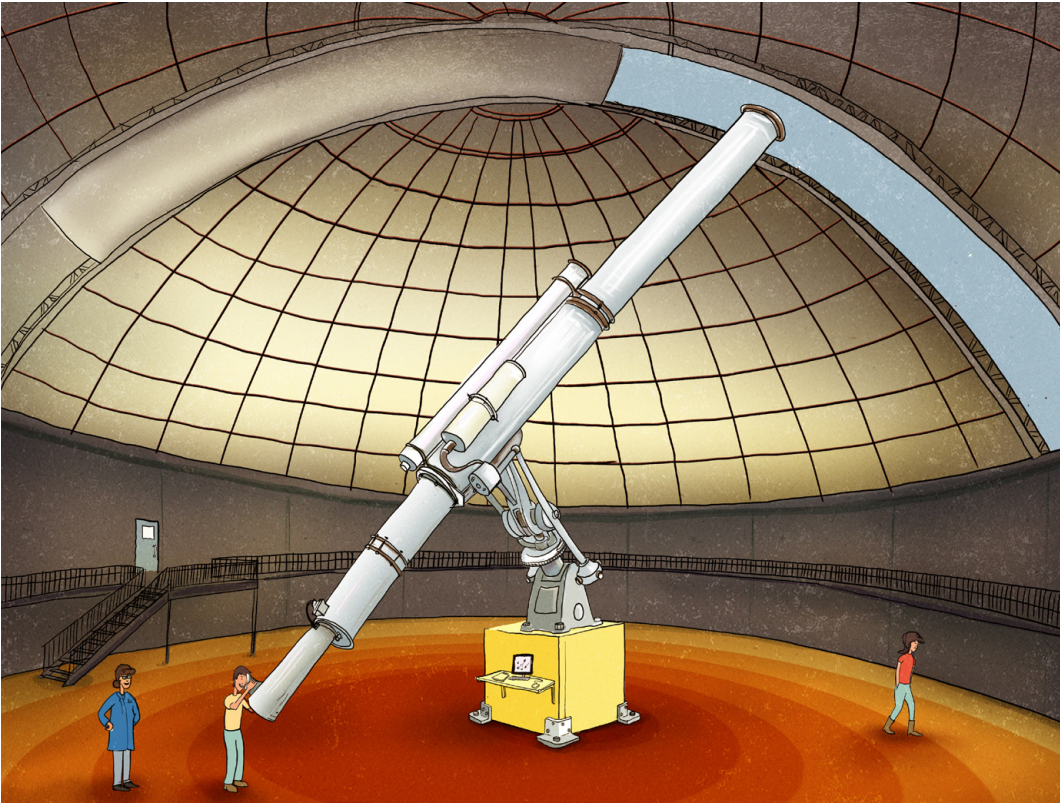
"May I look through the telescope?" asks Isaac.

"Sure, but it's too early in the day to see stars or planets," the guide says. "We do have a special lens that will let you look at the sun."

Isaac puts his eye to the glass lens. "It's beautiful! Wendy, come look at this."

"That's the sun?" Wendy asks. "There are so many colors. Can you take a photograph of it?"

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"Of course! There's a camera built into the telescope lens that's works with our computer," says the guide. "We can take photos of anything we see through the telescope."

"Wendy is a photographer," says Isaac. Wendy is embarrassed.

"Really? We have a museum with photographs taken through the telescope," says the guide. "You might be interested in seeing it while you're here."

"That would be fun. Maybe I'll go there now. I'll meet you at the car, Isaac."

For the next thirty minutes, Isaac and the guide look through the telescope and talk about the observatory. Later, when he gets to the car, Wendy is sitting on the sidewalk with her camera.

"Wasn't that great, Wendy?" says Isaac as he gets into the car. "I'm can't wait until classes start."

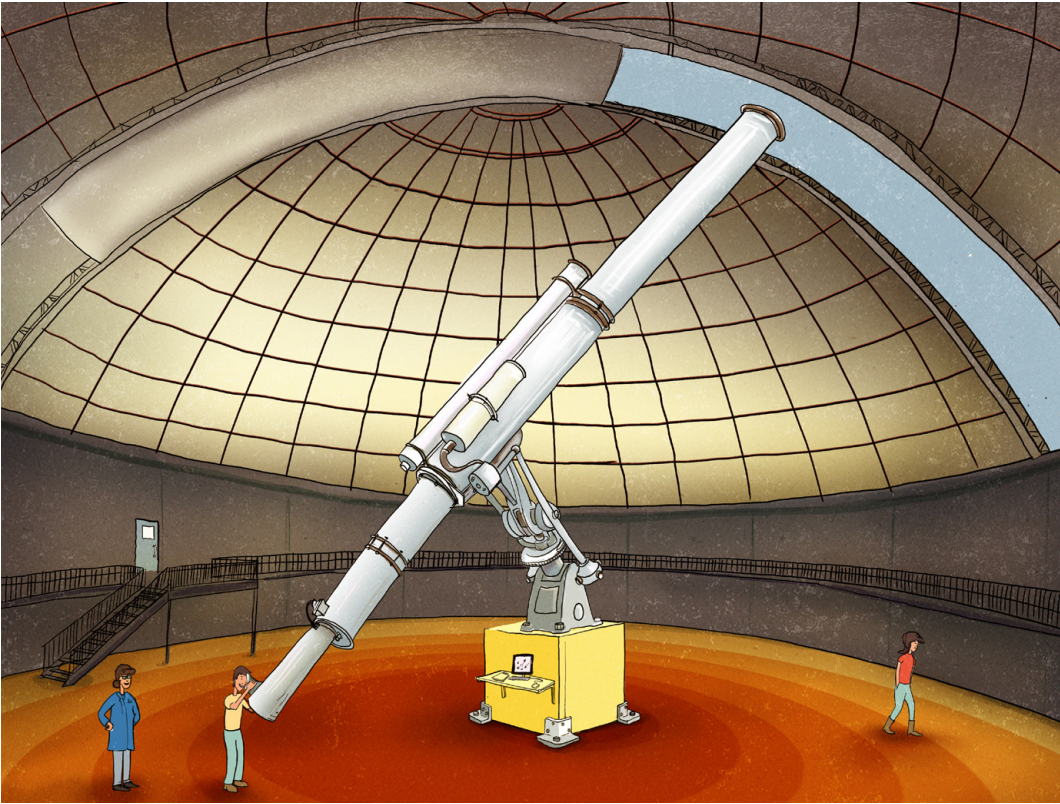
Wendy doesn't say anything. She looks out the window as Isaac starts the car. After a few minutes, Isaac looks at her.

"What's wrong, Wendy? Didn't you like visiting the observatory?"

"It was okay." She looks embarrassed. Then, she says, "Isaac, you know what you want to do when you go to college in the fall. I'm starting classes, but I have no idea what I'm doing. I thought I wanted to be a lawyer, then I wanted to be a psychologist, then a writer. I just don't know."



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"That's okay. Not everyone knows what they want to do after they graduate high school. Sometimes it takes time," Isaac says.

"It's not that. I just want to feel excited about something, the way you feel about astronomy. I don't have anything like that."

"What about your photography? You've been taking some beautiful photos on this trip. You could study art!"

"Do you think they're good enough?"

"Of course I do! I always wish I had your eye for photos."

"Thanks, Isaac." She looks out the car window again. "I'll miss you when you move."

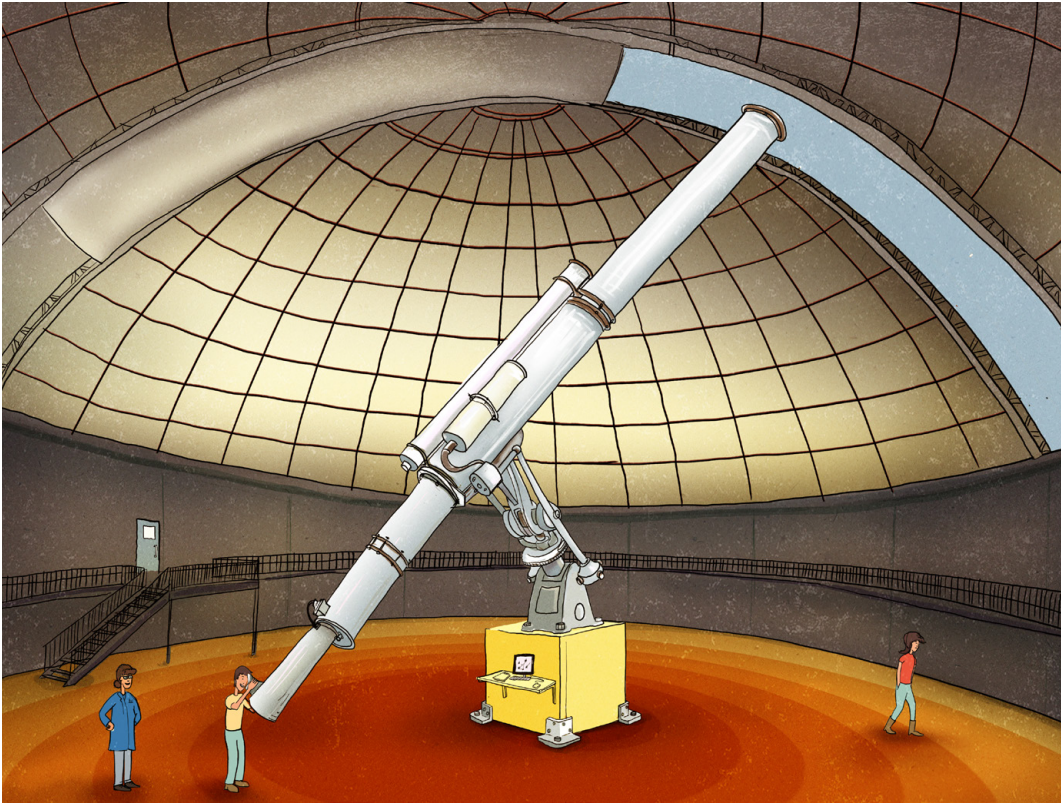
"I'll miss you too," Isaac says. "But let's not worry about that now. We've got the whole summer to have fun. And we'll both be home for the holidays."

Wendy is smiling now. "Oh, here. I bought this in the gift shop at the observatory." She gives him a key ring with a ball on the end that looks like a planet. "When you look at it, you'll think of our trip."

"Do you think it's possible to forget this?" Isaac laughs. But as they leave the observatory and drive down the mountain road toward the city, Isaac is not thinking about the trip. He is thinking, "Soon I'll be driving this road all the time!"



## Unit 18: Visiting Isaac's College



Circle the correct answer.

1. At the beginning of the story, Isaac and Wendy are driving to

- A. Isaac's college.
- B. an observatory.
- C. a mountain park.
- D. San Jose, California.

2. What will Isaac learn about when he studies astronomy?

- A. politics and law
- B. planets and stars
- C. plants and animals
- D. photography and art

3. What will Isaac have to do when he studies astronomy?

- A. use a microscope
- B. touch living things
- C. experiment with cells
- D. answer math problems

4. Read these sentences, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

Isaac says, "...Have you ever thought about if there are people like us living on other planets?"

"Oh, please! That's all science fiction." Wendy says.

"That's all science fiction" means that Wendy thinks that people living on other planets is

- A. impossible.
- B. interesting.
- C. scary.
- D. real.

5. What does Isaac think Wendy should study in college?

- A. art
- B. math
- C. biology
- D. psychology

6. Read these sentences, and then answer the question about this part of the text.

*But as they leave the observatory and drive down the mountain road toward the city, Isaac is not thinking about the trip. He is thinking, "Soon I'll be driving this road all the time!"*

What is Isaac thinking about?

- A. the past
- B. the future
- C. something romantic
- D. something impossible

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Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Twice in the story, Wendy is embarrassed. Write about why she was embarrassed those times.

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8. Wendy is starting college in the fall. In the past, what did she think she wanted to be? What would she have to study to do those jobs?

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## Unit 18: Visiting Isaac's College

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. You live on another planet. You are looking at Earth through a telescope from your planet. What do you see? Write about it.

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10. What do you like to study? Do you know what you want to be when you finish school? Write about it.

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## Unit 19: Cars for Miles



"This **traffic** is really bad," Isaac says, looking out the window. All he can see for miles are cars and cars and more cars.

"We have to be in San Diego to meet our grandparents in three hours and we're still four hours away!" says Wendy. "What are we going to do?"

"Did you check your phone? Maybe you can call now and tell them."

"We're still getting no service," Wendy says, looking at the **screen** of her phone. The road is long, and all they can see are **fields** of yellow grass on either side of the car.

"There's nothing we can do then," Isaac tells his sister. "Nothing but wait."

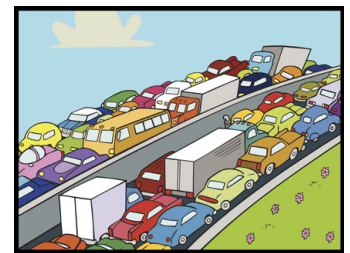
Wendy checks her watch, **frowning**. The car is hot from the sun, and it hasn't moved in almost thirty minutes. She looks out the window. "I'm hungry. Do you want an apple?" she asks.

"No, but I'm thirsty. You could open a bottle of soda for me."

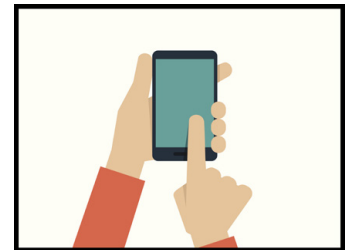
In the back seat is a cooler, a box with ice in it to make food and drinks stay cold. Wendy takes out a bottle of soda for Isaac, and a bag of apples. Then she takes a small red knife out of her pocket. It has a knife, but also a screwdriver, pliers, scissors, and bottle opener. She opens the soda and gives it to Isaac.

"Thanks!" says Isaac, taking a long drink from the bottle.

"What do you think happened?" asks Wendy, as she cuts an apple in half and bites into it.



traffic



screen



field



frowning

## Unit 19: Cars for Miles



The car moves a little bit and then stops.

"Maybe it's an accident. Maybe some cars collided with each other," Isaac says. "Someone could have a serious injury."

"If it was, wouldn't we have seen police cars and an ambulance? The paramedics always arrive when there's an accident."

"True," Isaac says. "Maybe it's a fire. There's a lot of dry grass around here. One of my friends told me a lightning storm near his house once destroyed a whole field of grass like this."

The car moves a little bit and then stops.

"It's possible," Wendy says. "But if there was a fire, we'd see firefighters and helicopters and smoke."

"True," Isaac says, and then he laughs. "Maybe there was an earthquake! There are a lot of earthquakes in California. Maybe the cars are falling into a big hole in the Earth!"

"Oh, Isaac, we would feel an earthquake!" Wendy opens her car door and jumps out.

Isaac is surprised. "Wendy, where are you going? Don't get out of the car!"

But Wendy is already walking. "Don't worry, Isaac, it's safe," she says. "The cars aren't moving. I'm going to see if I can find out what the problem is."



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Before Isaac can say anything more, Wendy walks down the road past all the stopped cars. As she's walking, she is thinking, "What could have happened?" She thinks of broken bones and stitches and other serious injuries. She begins to run. Up ahead there are cars **honking** and people screaming. She gets very worried. But then she sees something and starts to laugh.

There are four cows standing in the middle of the road, stopping both **lanes**. They aren't listening to the honking cars or the screaming people.

"Get out of the road!" an angry driver says.

Wendy runs back to the car, gets some apples and puts them in her pocket.

Isaac is angry. "Wendy, what are you doing?" he screams as Wendy closes the car door and runs back up the road. She walks up to one of the cows and holds out an apple in front of its face.

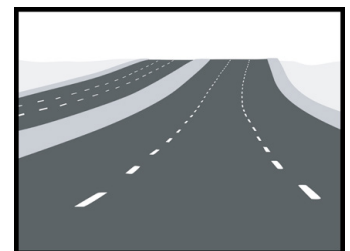
"Hello, Miss Cow. Would you like to try this?" The cow tries to bite the apple, but Wendy slowly walks backward. The cow follows her. Wendy does this until the cow is all the way off the road. Then she takes another apple from her pocket and holds it out for the second cow, and it follows her off the road, too. The minutes pass, and Wendy works hard to lead the other cows off the road. The hot sun is making **sweat** run down her face. Other people get out of their cars to help her, and soon all the cows are off the road, eating their apples. The drivers are happy now.

"Nice work!"

"Good job!"



honking



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sweat



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The traffic is just starting to move when Wendy jumps into the car. "What happened? Are you ok?" Isaac says. Despite being angry with Wendy for jumping out of the car, Isaac is happy that she is safe.

"Don't worry," Wendy says with a smile. "I took care of it. We didn't need paramedics or firefighters for this emergency. Only apples."

Isaac has no idea what his sister is talking about, but he is happy that she's in the car, and they are finally driving down the road.

## Unit 19: Cars for Miles



Circle the correct answer.

**1. Why are Isaac and Wendy probably going to arrive late to their grandparents' home?**

- A. They are lost.
- B. There is bad traffic.
- C. The car is not working.
- D. Wendy wants to feed the cows.

**2. Why can't Wendy call their grandparents?**

- A. She lost her phone.
- B. Her phone is broken.
- C. Her phone has no service.
- D. She doesn't have their phone number.

**3. What would Wendy and Isaac probably see if there was an accident?**

- A. smoke
- B. volunteers
- C. helicopters
- D. ambulances

**4. What stopped the cars?**

- A. an earthquake
- B. angry people
- C. an accident
- D. some cows

**5. What does Wendy do when she sees what's stopping the cars?**

- A. She asks Isaac to help her.
- B. She looks for a police officer.
- C. She gets apples from the car.
- D. She starts talking to other drivers.

**6. What happens when Wendy is getting the cows off the road?**

- A. People come to help her.
- B. Drivers honk their horns.
- C. Two cars collide with each other.
- D. Drivers tell her to get off the road.

Unit 19: Cars for Miles

Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. How does Wendy get the cows off the road?

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8. How does Isaac feel when Wendy leaves the car? Why? How does he feel when she returns? Why? Write about it.

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Unit 19: Cars for Miles

What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. Wendy and Isaac are finally on the road, going to their grandparent’s house. Write a story about what happens next.

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10. Write about a time when you watched someone do something that you thought wasn’t safe. How did you feel? Write about it.

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## Unit 20: A Day at the Beach



Isaac and Wendy look out at the blue water and white sand of the Pacific Ocean. They have just arrived at a park near the beach, where they will meet their grandparents. This is the end of their road trip.

"I can't believe it's over," Isaac says. "In some ways it went by fast, and in other ways it was like the longest trip ever!"

"I know what you mean," Wendy says. "I'm happy we're finally here. I was getting tired of the car. Are you sure this is where Grandpa said to come?"

"Yes. When I called to tell him we would be here soon, and he told me how to get to this beach. Grandma and Grandpa should be waiting for us with a **picnic** lunch."

They walk out into the cool ocean air and into the warm sand. Ahead of them, a group of people are sitting around a picnic table under a tree. Wendy and Isaac are surprised to find not just their grandparents, but ten other people waiting for them.

"Look! The twins are here!" says Grandpa Joe, hugging Isaac and Wendy.

"We all wanted to welcome you," says Grandma Annie. "We're so excited to have you visit for the summer."

All their relatives from San Diego are there – cousins, aunts, and uncles. Isaac and Wendy haven't seen Aunt Gwen in a long time. She's their father's older sister, and her husband is Uncle Phil. They are Marcia and Brett's parents. Aunt Beth and Uncle Andy are there with their three young children, Billy, Anna, and Jason. Uncle Andy is Gwen's younger brother too. He's a lawyer and comes



picnic

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to New York on business, so the twins see him often. Aunt Mary, their Dad's youngest sister, is also there. She's single and is a marine biologist. She studies plants and fish that live in the ocean.

Isaac and Wendy spend the afternoon telling their family about the trip, and all the stops they made traveling around the country. Isaac talks to his uncles and aunts about his plans to study astronomy in college. Wendy tells her grandmother and grandfather about her interest in photography and how she wants to make a photo book of their trip. They grill **hamburgers**, swim in the ocean, play **volleyball**, and throw a **Frisbee** in the sand. It is a very nice afternoon, and soon the sun will be setting behind the ocean.

Isaac and Wendy are helping Grandma and Grandpa pack up the car with Brett and Marcia. "Once all the relatives leave, we can stay at the beach a while longer," says Brett.

"That's a good idea!" says Wendy. "We have so much to talk about!" The cousins are all about the same age, and Isaac and Wendy are excited to get to know them better.

After their grandparents and aunts and uncles leave, the cousins walk down the beach looking for a place to sit. The sky is a beautiful orange and red and it will be dark soon. They see a large stone under a tree. "This is perfect!" Wendy says.

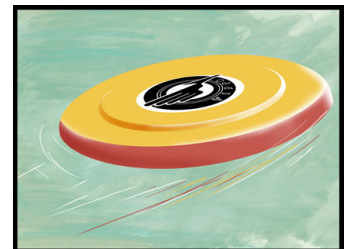
"But look at all the trash!" Isaac says. "Someone left **litter** all over the place. It's going to pollute the water!"



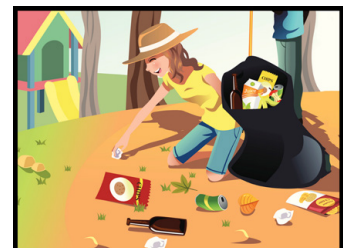
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"Oh well," Marcia says. "Let's keep walking. There are other good places on this beach."

But Isaac doesn't want to leave. He runs back to the car and gets two **plastic bags** from the trunk. When he returns, the four of them spend some time picking up the litter. They put the bottles and cans to recycle in one bag, and trash to throw away in the other. They are almost finished, when Brett spills the bag with the trash. They have to pick it all up again! By the time they're done, the place under the tree is clean and the sky is dark.

"I'm happy we did that. Good idea, Isaac," says Marcia, as they all sit on the stone. "You want to study astronomy, don't you? You must love this sky!"

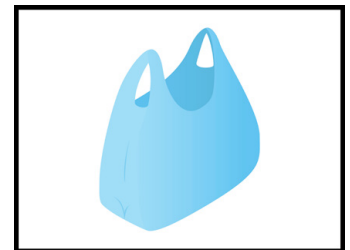
"Yes, it's beautiful! But, what about you, Marcia. You're starting your second year of college, right? What are you doing there?"

"Oh, it's boring. I study politics, but I don't want to be a politician. Maybe I'll work in an embassy one day. I would like to work in China, so I'm learning Chinese, too. But I'm just beginning, so I'll need a translator when I visit next year."

"You're going to China? That's not boring!" says Wendy, feeling a little jealous. She wants to go to China too.

"Marcia gets all the fun," says Brett. "She travels, while I sit at my computer all day learning to write computer game programs."

"Now that is fun! But it's Wendy who has the best idea," says Isaac, and everyone turns toward Wendy. "She can take photographs of anything,



plastic bag

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anytime, anywhere. Imagine having a job like that one day!" The cousins all laugh, and then they become quiet. For a few minutes, everyone watches the ocean come up on the sand, lost in their own thoughts.

Then Marcia says, "We have a great zoo in San Diego. You must go there! And there are a lot of museums."

"There is so much we can do while you are here," says Brett, and he starts making plans.

Isaac smiles at Wendy. It is the end of a very long road trip, and fortunately, the summer is only beginning!

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Circle the correct answer.

**1. Where are Wendy and Isaac meeting their grandparents?**

- A. at a park
- B. in their cousins' yard
- C. outside a restaurant
- D. at their grandmother's house

**2. Read the sentence, and then answer the question about this part of the text.**

*All their relatives from San Diego are there – cousins, aunts, and uncles.*

**What is another word for "relatives"?**

- A. friends
- B. neighbors
- C. team
- D. family

**3. What does Marcia want to do when the cousins see litter on beach?**

- A. take photographs of it
- B. find another place to sit
- C. tell a park employee about it
- D. pick up the trash and throw it away

**4. Why will Marcia need a translator next year?**

- A. She'll be visiting China.
- B. She'll be working as a politician.
- C. She'll be working in an embassy.
- D. She'll be writing a novel in Chinese.

**5. How does Brett spend his days?**

- A. He practices law.
- B. He studies marine biology.
- C. He travels all over the world.
- D. He writes programs for computer games.

**6. Read these sentences, and then answer the question about this part of the text.**

*"She can take photographs of anything, anytime, anywhere. Imagine having a job like that one day!"  
The cousins all laugh, and then they become quiet.  
For a few minutes, everyone is watching the ocean come up on the sand, lost in their own thoughts.*

**Why have the cousins all become quiet?**

- A. They are imagining what their futures will be like.
- B. They do not want to say goodbye to each other.
- C. They do not think being a photographer is a good job.
- D. They are tired from swimming and playing on the beach.



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Answer the questions. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

7. Why does Isaac get two plastic bags from the trunk?

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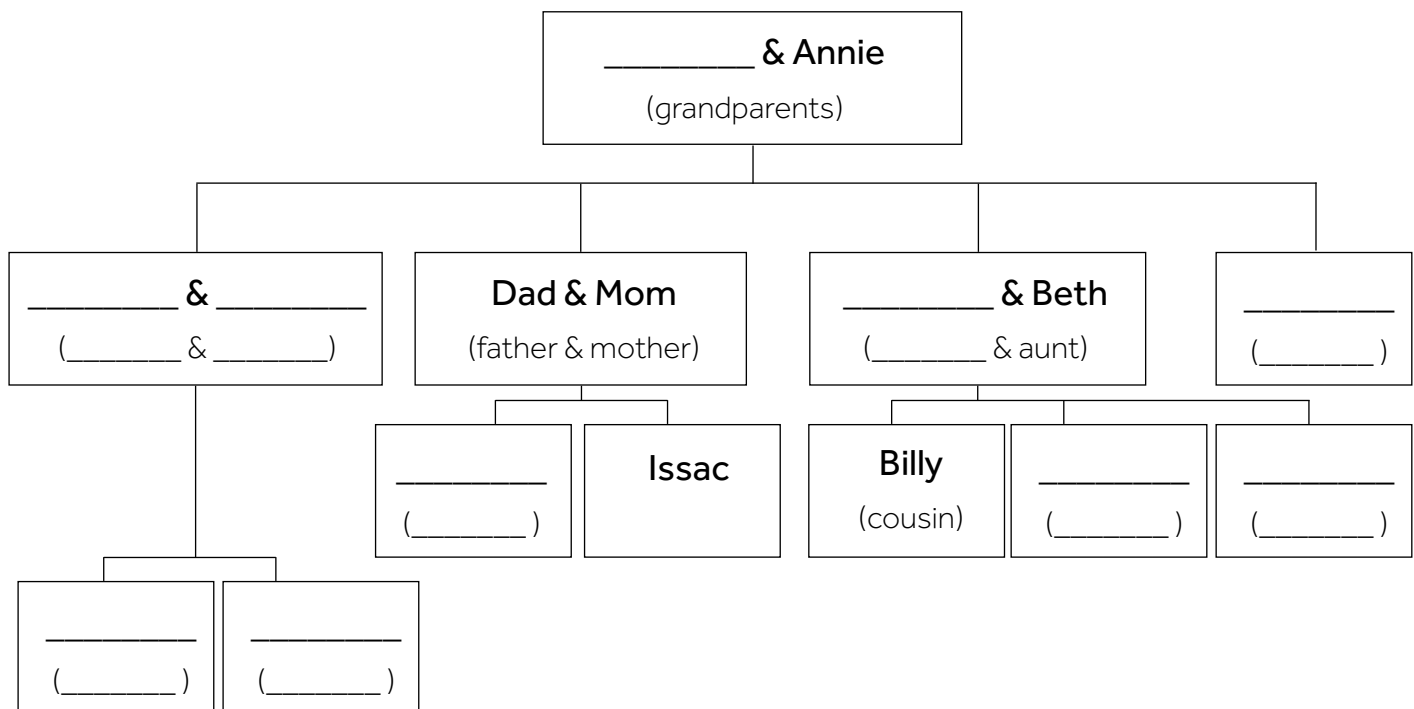
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8. This is Isaac's family tree. In the blanks, fill in the names and what type of relative each person is to Isaac.



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What do you think? Read the questions and answer with your thoughts. Remember to use complete sentences and check your spelling.

9. What is important to you when you think about your future? Write about it.

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10. You are Isaac. Write an e-mail to your dad about the picnic on the beach.

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