School Play

Carmen had always dreamed of being on stage. She was thrilled when she got her first big break with a part in the school play. The teacher told her she could play the part of the doctor. She would wear a long, white doctor's coat with a stethoscope around her neck. She would also carry a big bag that held a newspaper with blank pages and a box of bandages. Carmen would say some lines. She would act funny and try to make her friends laugh. She could hardly wait to act in a real play on stage and see her dream come true.

As the day of the play approached, Carmen began to worry about being on stage. She just could not learn her lines well enough to remember her part. She sat in her bedroom, saying the lines over and over again. They just would not stick in her head. She practiced for several days and still could not remember her lines. It would be terrible if she forgot her lines on stage. She thought for a long time and decided to quit the play. She still wanted to be in the play very much, but she did not want to risk making a fool of herself in front of an audience.

Carmen went downstairs to break the news to her family. She walked into the kitchen and announced that she would not be in the play.

"Don't worry so much," Carmen's father said, hugging her. "You're a talented young girl. You are a natural performer."

"Yes," her mother agreed. "You'll do better if you relax."

Carmen knew they were right, but she could not stop worrying. The thought of going on stage made her a bundle of nerves. The school play was the next day, and she still could not remember her part no matter how much she practiced her lines.

When Carmen's mother said it was bedtime, she still did not know her lines. But when she woke up the next morning, Carmen had a great idea. She took the newspaper out of the bag and opened it up. Then she wrote all of her lines on the blank page. Now she could look at the newspaper and no one would know that she was reading her lines. This would help her relax and remain calm.

That day Carmen went on stage. She said her first line. Then she said her next line. Carmen did not have to look at the newspaper once. Remembering her lines was easy because she was calm and relaxed. As a result, Carmen remembered everything. When the play was over, Carmen's parents applauded the loudest. After the play, they went backstage. Carmen's parents rushed over to congratulate her on a job well done.

"You were great!" her mother said as she hugged Carmen and smiled.

"I told you you're a star," her father said proudly.

1. Practice fluent reading.

My Dad

Here is a thing that I think is cool:

My dad teaches children here at our school.

He does more than just teach us numbers and writing,

He tries to help kids think of school as exciting.

He's a knight in white armor for those having trouble.

For kids who need help, he'll work more than double.

One girl in the school was failing her classes.

Dad knew she was smart and as sweet as molasses.

So he got her eyes checked, mostly to see

If she could distinguish between "i" and a "t."

Turns out she needs glasses, and don't you suppose,

She now wears them proudly, perched on her nose.

One day a boy mentioned that he was upset

By previewing an e-mail from someone he just met.

The boy was invited to a birthday party,

But his pockets were empty and gifts are not free.

So Dad helped him make his own present and card,

And the boy found that making new friends is not hard.

For students who meet him, I really feel glad,

But much more than that, I'm just glad he's my dad.

1. How does the first stanza help the reader understand the main character in the poem? Support your answer with **two** details from the poem.

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1. Drag each sentence to the correct box.

My dad tries to help kids think of school as exciting. returned to choices list.

* **My dad is great because he helps people.**
* **My dad tries to help kids think of school as exciting.**
* **Dad can see when someone is having trouble.**
* **theme**
* **key detail**

1. Read the sentence from “My Dad.”

He’s a knight in white armor for those having trouble.

What does this metaphor mean?

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A.

The speaker’s dad has clean clothes like white armor.

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B.

The speaker’s dad rides horses like a knight.

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C.

The speaker’s dad always wears white like a knight.

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D.

The speaker’s dad helps people like a knight.

1. The following question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

Which sentence shows how Carmen’s parents felt about her performance?

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A.

They waited until everyone left to go backstage.

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B.

They sat in the back row of the auditorium.

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C.

They showed up late to the play.

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D.

They clapped more than anyone else.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the answer in Part A?

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A.

"'Yes,' her mother agreed. 'You’ll do better if you relax.'"

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B.

"After the play, they went backstage."

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C.

"When the play was over, Carmen’s parents applauded the loudest."

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D.

"Carmen's parents rushed over to congratulate her on a job well done."

1. A **fool** is someone who acts silly or makes bad choices. Using the meaning of fool, what might **foolish** mean?

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A.

happy or funny

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B.

strong or wise

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C.

silly or unwise

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D.

calm or relaxed

1. Select each helping verb in the sentences.

Carmen is practicing her lines. She feels nervous. Her parents are telling her that she will be great. She is thinking of a way to remember her lines.

1. Use the drop-down menus. Complete each sentence with the correct contraction.

Carmen   make a fool of herself.

Carmen   feel confident about the play.

"I   be in the play," said Carmen.

1. These sentences have some linking verbs. Select each linking verb in these sentences.

Carmen was excited for the play, but she was nervous about memorizing her lines. Her parents were kind to her and told her to relax.

1. What lesson does Carmen learn in the passage? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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1. What helped Carmen be calm and relaxed during the play? Select the **two** correct choices.

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A.

She wrote her lines down on the bandages.

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B.

She wrote her lines down on the newspaper.

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C.

Her parents told her not to worry.

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D.

She decided that she would not be in the play.

1. Read the sentences from the passage.

She was **thrilled** when she got her first big break with a part in the school play.

Carmen's parents rushed over to **congratulate** her on a job well done.

Match the correct definition to each word below. Answers may be used once or not at all.

* **very scared**
* **very worried**
* **say they are happy for her**
* **say they are there for her**
* **say they are sorry for her**
* **very happy**
* **thrilled**
* **congratulate**

1. Drag each sentence to the correct type of sentence.

* **She would wear a doctor’s coat, and she would carry a big bag.**
* **Carmen had always dreamed of being onstage.**
* **When the play was over, Carmen's parents applauded the loudest.**
* **simple**
* **compound**
* **complex**

1. Drag ideas to complete the table. Answers may be used once or not at all.

* **Carmen had always dreamed of being on stage.**
* **Carmen was very nervous about the play.**
* **Unfortunately, Carmen forgot everything.**
* **As a result, Carmen remembered everything.**

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| **Cause** | **Effect** |
|  | Therefore, Carmen was thrilled when she got a part in the school play. |
| Carmen was calm and |  |

1. Drag a past-tense verb to make a correct sentence. Answers may be used once or not at all.

* **hided**
* **hid**
* **doing**
* **did**
* **were**
* **being**

Carmen

her lines in the newspaper.

Carmen

a great job in the play.

Her parents

proud.

1. Drag each idea to the story where it belongs.

* **You can overcome something scary with hard work, good ideas, and good advice.**
* **Helping people makes you a hero.**
* **The speaker’s dad helps a girl to see and a boy to make friends.**
* **The main character’s mom and dad help Carmen relax and be confident.**
* **“School Play”**
* **“My Dad”**
* 17. Select each word with the same vowel sound as *could*.
* The book my sister bought me should keep me reading all week long.
* Select each word with the same vowel sound as *sun*.
* On Monday, I will ask my sister for another book that is longer and just as fun.
* Select each word with the same vowel sound as *spoon*.
* She bought a chocolate cone but dropped it on her new swimsuit.
  + 1. Drag each group of letters to make a plural word in the sentence.
* **ies**
* **es**
* **s**

I see a pair of twin

over there.

There are two fox

in the woods.

Would you like some cherr ?