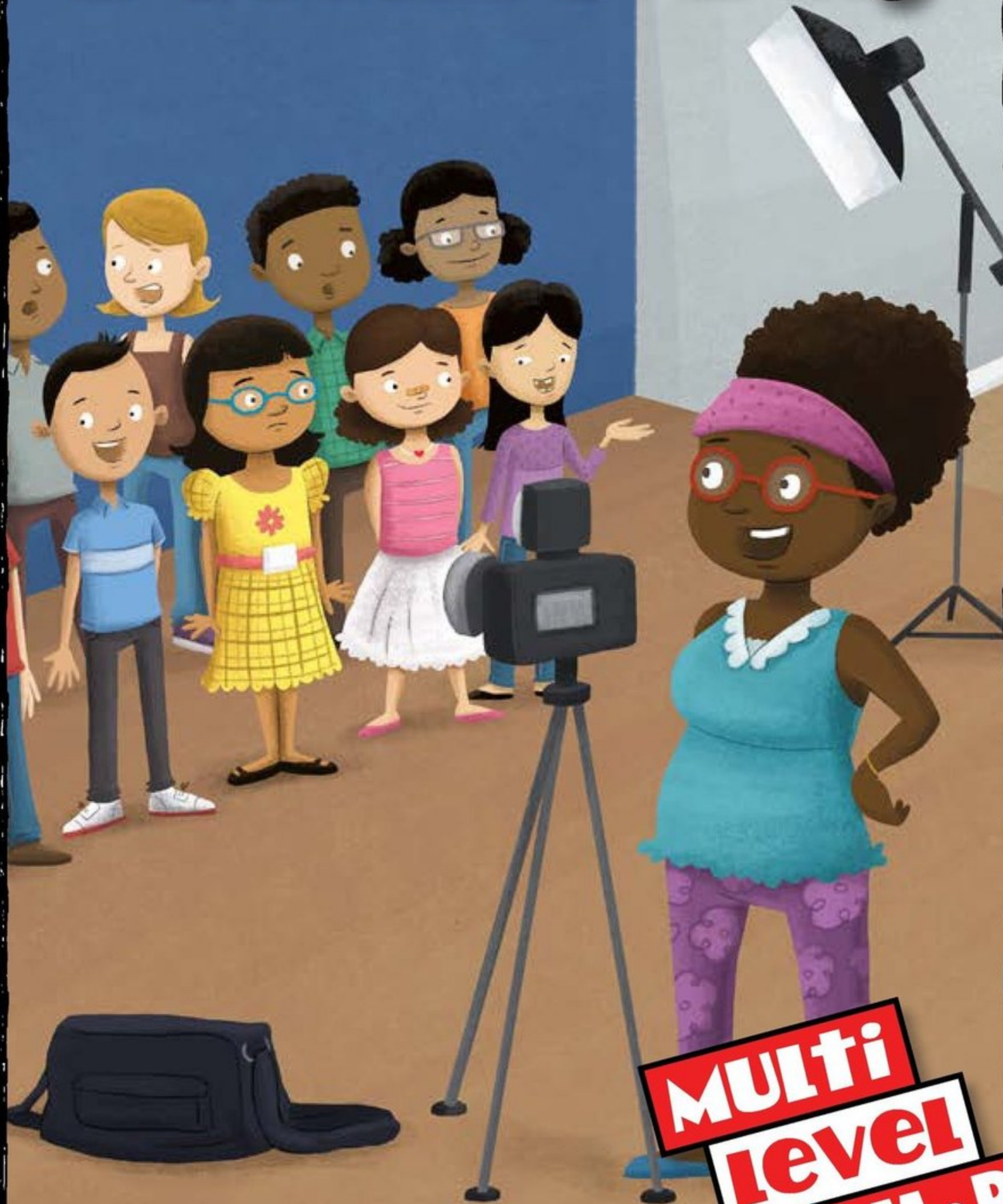


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Focus Question

What lesson did Poppy learn
on picture day?

Words to Know	
beads	photographer
fussed	stain
glanced	yearbook

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Poppy's Picture Prep

Poppy smiled at herself in the mirror.
She was trying on her new dress
for picture day tomorrow.
It looked perfect.
It was important.
Her picture would be
in the **yearbook** forever.



In the kitchen, Poppy took
a cup of punch from her mom.
Her mom said, “Be careful!
Don’t spill it.”
Seconds later, Poppy spilled it
down the front of her dress.



Poppy **glanced** down at the **stain**.
She couldn't go to picture day
like this!

"I'll wash it," her mom said. "Now,
get changed. We're going to the
eye doctor."



Picture Framed

At Dr. Chen's office, Poppy worried about her dress.

Suddenly, she heard Dr. Chen say, "We'll have your glasses ready tomorrow afternoon."

Poppy hung her head.

She didn't want glasses.

At least she wouldn't have to wear them for picture day.



The Big Day

The next morning, Poppy grabbed her dress from the laundry basket.

“Oh, no!” she cried.

“My dress shrank!”

She ran to get an older dress.



At least she had her necklace.

As she put it on, something
went *snap!*

Beads from her broken necklace
fell to the floor.

What else could go wrong today?

Poppy's mom called upstairs,

"Hurry! Dr. Chen's office just called.

Your glasses are ready early."



Picture Perfect

Waiting with the other second graders, Poppy **fussed** with her glasses.

She hoped her class's turn would never come.



Beside her, Raúl complained,
“You’re lucky your parents didn’t
make you get a haircut.”

“At least you can still smile,” Lei said.
Lei had a few missing teeth.



Rosa had a bandage
across her nose.

Evan's arm was in a cast.

"I guess we all have something
we don't like about our looks,"
Poppy said.

"None of us is perfect," she added.



“You’re up, second graders,”
the **photographer** called.



Poppy thought about taking off her glasses.

Then, the photographer whispered, "Nice glasses."

Poppy saw her wink from behind her own red glasses.

Poppy smiled and looked at her classmates.

They couldn't take off a bad haircut or hide a broken arm.



They all had their differences,
she realized.

That's what made them special.

She left her glasses on.

"*Cheese!*" the class called out.

The photographer snapped
the picture.

"Perfect," she said.

Picture day hadn't gone the way
Poppy had planned.

It had gone even better.

Glossary

beads (<i>n.</i>)	small pieces of stone, glass, or other material that have a hole in the middle for stringing or sewing onto fabric (p. 9)
fussed (<i>v.</i>)	struggled to make something right (p. 10)
glanced (<i>v.</i>)	looked quickly at something (p. 6)
photographer (<i>n.</i>)	a person who makes photographs, or pictures, with a camera (p. 13)
stain (<i>n.</i>)	a colored or dirty mark that is hard to remove (p. 6)
yearbook (<i>n.</i>)	a book made by a school to show pictures of people and activities from one school year (p. 4)

Picture Day

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Connections

Writing

Do you like picture day?

Write a paragraph to explain your answer.

Math

There are twenty-four students in Poppy's class.

Draw at least three different ways they can stand in equal rows for their class picture.

Share your work with a partner.



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