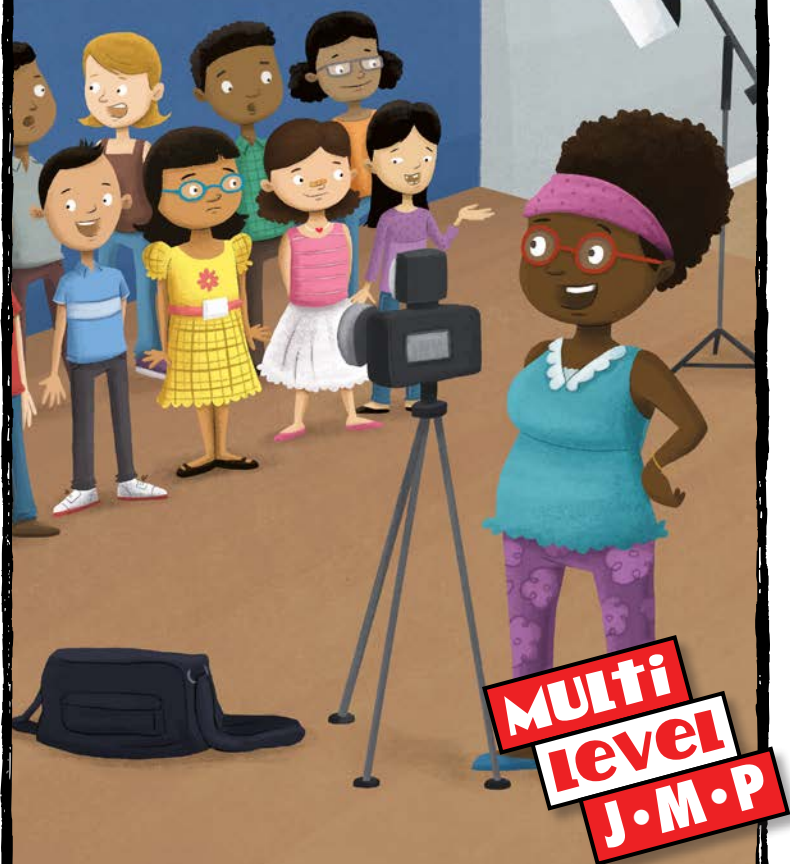


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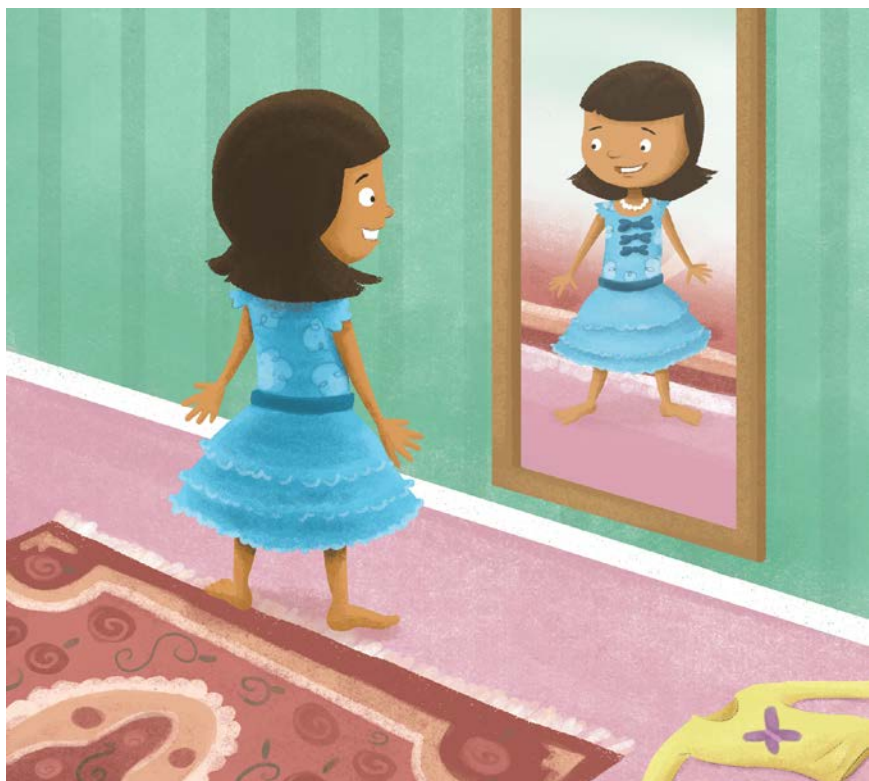
## Focus Question

What lesson did Poppy learn  
on picture day?



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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

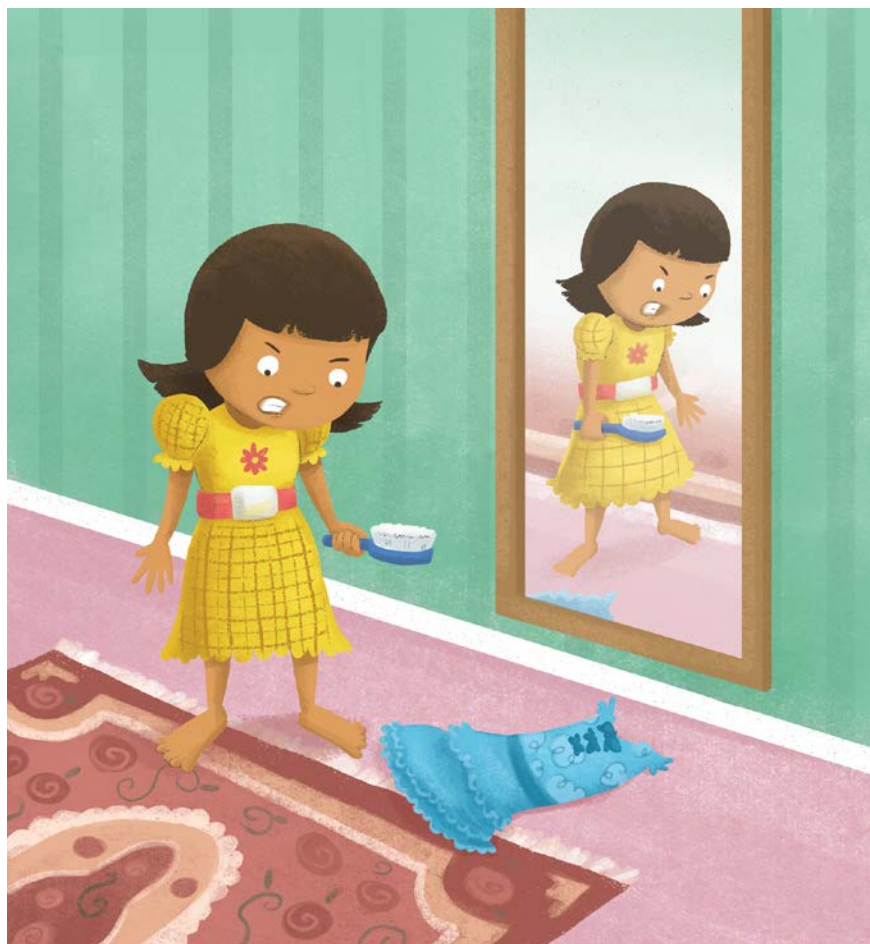
At Dr. Chen's office, Poppy worried about her dress.

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

<b>beads</b> ( <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)
<b>fussed</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	struggled to make something right (p. 10)
<b>glanced</b> ( <i>v.</i> )	looked quickly at something (p. 6)
<b>photographer</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a person who makes photographs, or pictures, with a camera (p. 13)
<b>stain</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a colored or dirty mark that is hard to remove (p. 6)
<b>yearbook</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a book made by a school to show pictures of people and activities from one school year (p. 4)

## Words to Know

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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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