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Read to Find Out

How does Dawn learn to skate?

STRATEGIES & SKILLS AT A GLANCE

Comprehension

- Strategy: Ask Questions
- Skill: Make Inferences

High-Frequency Words

- along, early, instead, nothing, thought

Additional Vocabulary

- contest, excited

Function Words

- at last, some day

Phonics

- variant vowel /ô/ *a, au, aw*

Word count: 427

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What Did Dawn Like?

Dawn saw ice skaters on TV. A girl won an ice skating contest. The girl got a medal!





"Can I learn to ice skate?" Dawn asked Mom and Dad. "Ice skating is fun. I want to spin on the ice. Maybe I can win a medal, too!"



Dawn went to the ice skating rink with Mom. Dawn put on ice skates. It was hard to walk on skates! Dawn held on to the wall. Dawn did not want to fall down.

Ann was the teacher. Ann showed Dawn how to ice skate.

"Take a small step and slide," said Ann. "Then take another small step and slide."

Dawn went round and round.

"Look, Mom!" Dawn called. "I can skate!"



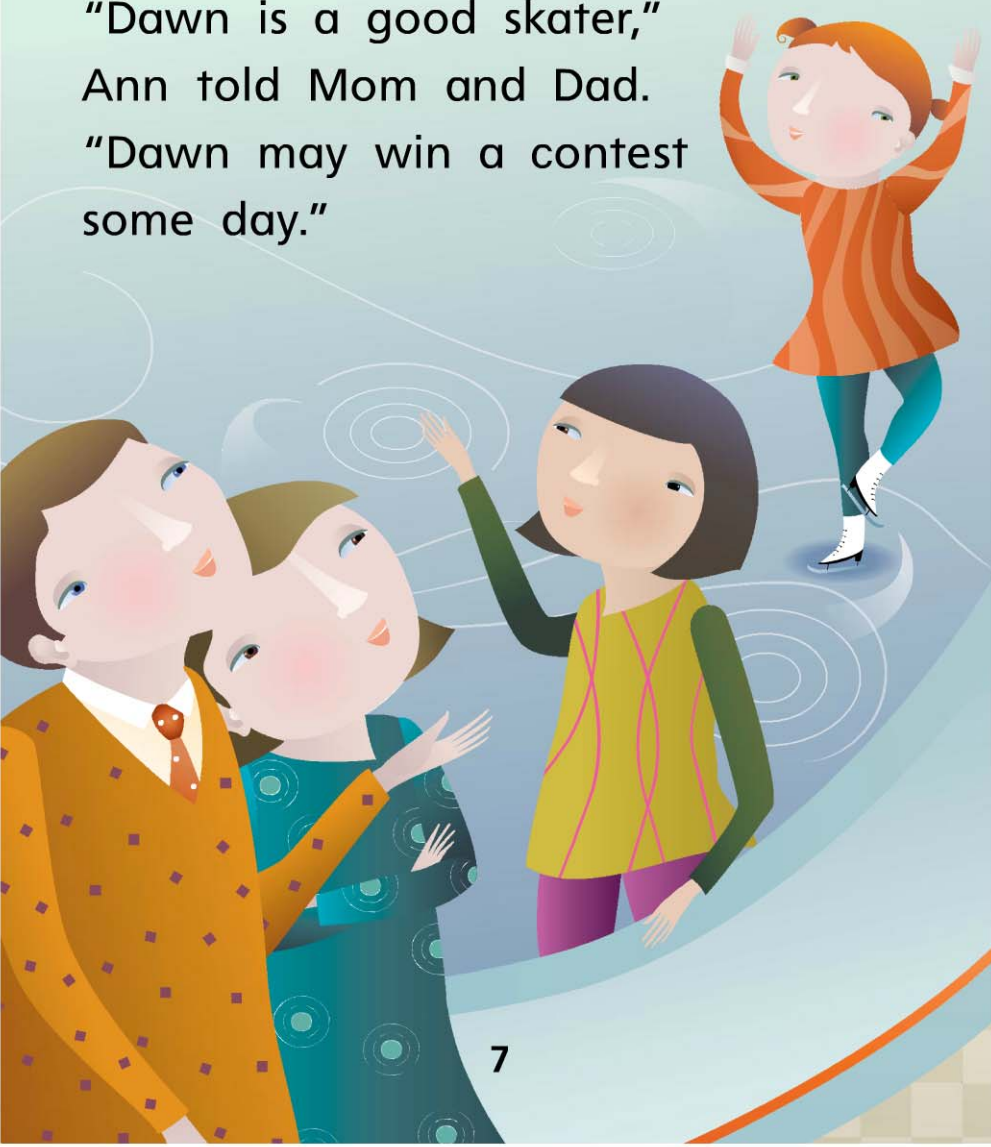


Every Saturday, Dawn got up early.
Dawn went to the ice skating rink.
Mom and Dad went along.

Ann showed Dawn how to turn.
Ann showed Dawn how to skate
backwards, too.

One Saturday, Ann showed Dawn how to spin. Dawn said, "I like to spin! Nothing else is so much fun!"

"Dawn is a good skater,"
Ann told Mom and Dad.
"Dawn may win a contest
some day."



What Can Dawn Do?

Dawn went to the ice skating rink every weekend. Dawn worked hard. Dawn did turns and spins again and again.

One day Dawn tried to jump into the air and spin. Dawn fell down.



Dawn got up. She tried again. This time Dawn landed on two feet instead of one foot.

"Jumping is hard!" Dawn said. "But I can do it!"



Two is a number word. Can you find another number word on this page?






For months, Dawn did jumps and spins. She didn't fall!

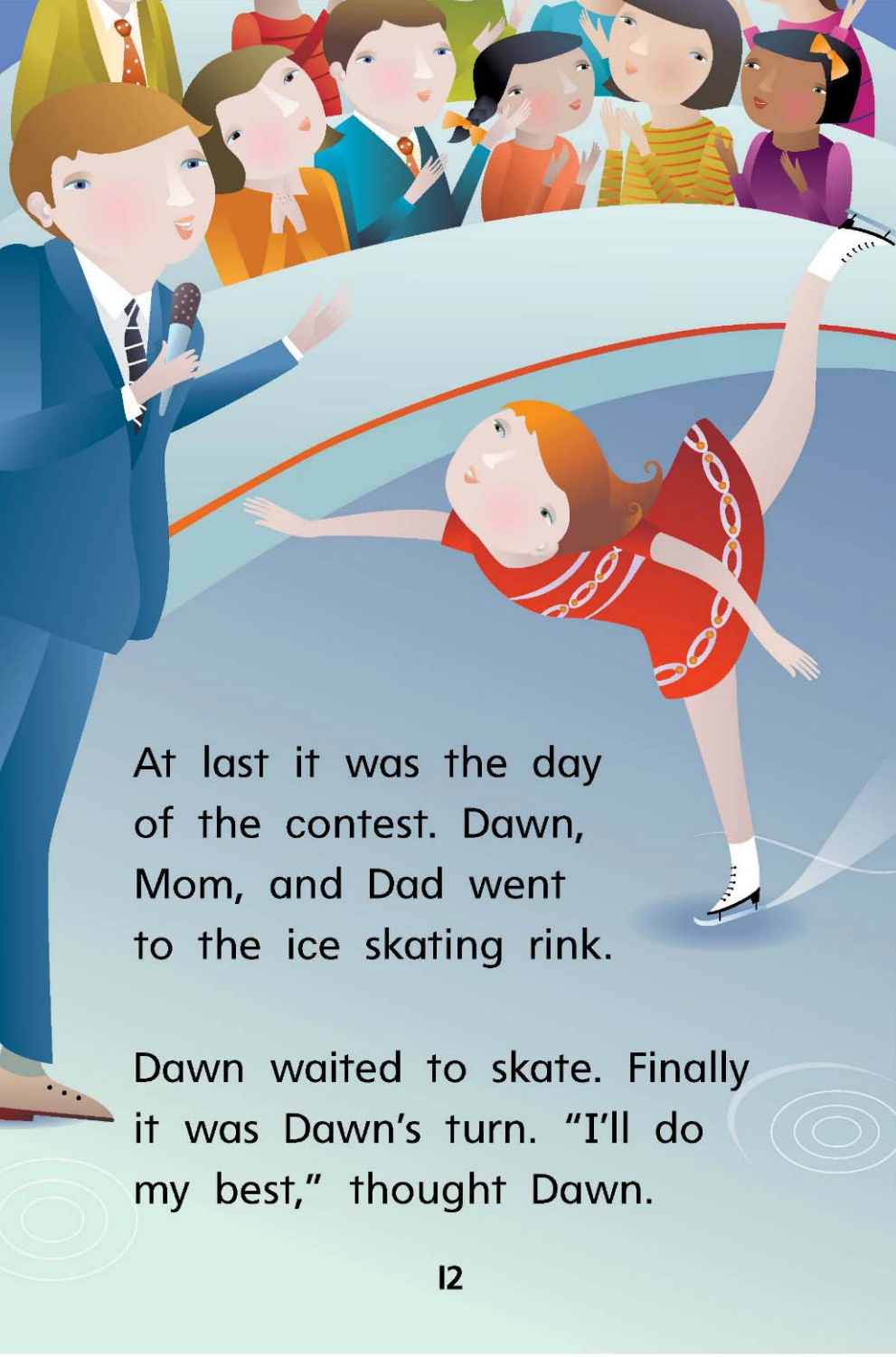
Then one day, Dawn ran home. Dawn was very excited. "Ann wants me to be in a skating contest!" Dawn cried.

"We can make an ice skating outfit." said Mom. "We'll make it red and silver."

Mom and Dawn cut and sewed. Dad cooked meatballs and sauce for dinner.

 **Language** Meatballs is a compound word. Can you find a compound word on page 8?





At last it was the day of the contest. Dawn, Mom, and Dad went to the ice skating rink.

Dawn waited to skate. Finally it was Dawn's turn. "I'll do my best," thought Dawn.



Dawn skated across the ice. Then Dawn did a fast spin. Next Dawn had to jump.

"I hope I don't fall down!"
thought Dawn.

Dawn jumped into the air. Dawn landed on one foot. Dawn didn't fall! The crowd clapped.

The two judges talked and talked.
At last a judge said, "The winner
is Dawn!"





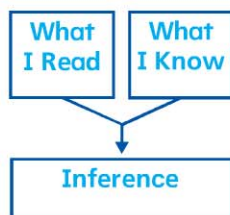
The judge gave Dawn a medal.
The crowd cheered.

Dawn smiled and thought, "Wow!
I did it! I won!"

Comprehension Check

Retell

Use an Inference Chart and the pictures to help you retell the story.



Think and Compare

1. How do you know that Dawn wanted to be a good skater?
2. What is something you learned to do? How did you learn it?
3. What must a person do to become really good at something?

Literacy Activities



What Can You Do?

Write about something you learned to do. Tell how you learned to do it.



What We Like to Do

Ask four friends which activity they like best. Put a check (✓) next to what they choose.

Ice skating				
Jogging				
Bike riding				
Gymnastics				



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