**Casper In School**

On this morning, Alan woke up excited. Today was a special day in school. All the students from Alan’s class were allowed to bring their pets to school. Tom and Alan decided to take their cat with them. Alan was happy that he could show Casper to all his classmates. He climbed out of his bed and woke up his brother.

„Tom!“ Said Alan, „Wake up. Aren’t you excited about school today?“ Tom opened his eyes slowly. He looked sleepy. „Why should I be excited about school?“ he asked.

„You don’t remember?“ Alan asked surprised, „Today is Pets Day at school!“

„Oh right.“, Tom jumped out of his bed and ran into the bathroom. Alan followed him to get ready for the day. They brushed their teeth and put on their clothes. Then the brothers hurried to the kitchen, where their mom prepared the breakfast.

„Are you ready for school, boys?“ she asked and put plates with pancakes and glasses with orange juice on the table.

„Yes,“ Alan said, „and Casper is ready for school too.“ The cat sat on a chair next to Anne and stared hungrily at the plates on the table.

„I also want to take Casper or Spike to the kindergarten.“ Said Anne. „Wait until you are in second grade, Anne. You will also have a Pets Day.“ Said Wendy and kissed her daughter on the cheek.

Alan, Tom, and Anne ate their breakfast. After that, Alan put Casper in a cage and carried the cat to the car.

„I sit on the front seat!“ Shouted Tom and jumped into the car. Alan, Anne, and the cat sat on the back seats.

In the car, Wendy explained to the kids that they have to take good care of Casper. He didn‘t know the school, and maybe he would be afraid or try to run away. Alan and Tom promised to take care. Wendy dropped the kids at their school. The bell rang, and all the students went to their classrooms.

It was very noisy in Alan’s and Tom’s classroom. All the students ran around with their pets and showed them to their friends and to Ms. Green. Ms. Green stood in front of the class.

„Everyone quiet now, please.“ She said and smiled. „What an exciting day! I am pleased to see you all with your pets today. Maybe we can go around, and everyone tells us a bit about the pet they brought.“

Jacob wanted to start. He had a dog, and his name was Bruno. Bruno was a big, brown dog with very friendly eyes, but Alan was afraid that he could hurt Casper. Some dogs liked to hunt cats. Spike always chased the cats in the neighborhood. But Jacob said, that Bruno was a very old and friendly dog and didn‘t like to hunt cats.

Alan and Tom were next, and they introduced Casper to the class. The other students liked Casper and asked if they could play with him later. „Of course.“ Said Tom. He was very proud that everyone loved their cat.

After the class, all the students went outside to play in the schoolyard. Tom and Alan took Casper outside.

„Why don’t you let him outside of the cage?“ Asked Dennis. „I think Casper also wants to play with us.“

„Meow.“, did Casper and looked at Alan.

„I don’t know,“ said Alan, „mom said we have to take care of him.“

„Don’t worry, Alan. Nothing will happen.“ Said Tom and opened the door of Casper’s cage.

Casper walked slowly out of the cage and looked around him.

A few kids played ball games in the yard. Jacob threw a ball in the bushes behind the benches. Casper jumped excitedly after the ball and tried to catch it. Casper loved to play with balls.

„No, Casper!“ Shouted Alan and followed his cat into the bushes.

„I can’t find him.“ He screamed after a while.

Tom, Alan, and Dennis looked everywhere for Casper, but they couldn’t find the cat. He was not on a tree, not in the tennis yard, and not in the bushes. Alan was sad. „What if we don’t find Casper? He is probably afraid to be alone.“

Tom and Dennis also didn’t know what to do.

The bell rang, and the students had to go back into their classrooms. Alan went to Ms. Green and told her what happened. Ms. Green was worried.

„We need to find your cat before the principal finds out that you lost it. Ms. Williams doesn‘t like pets, and she will be angry if she finds out that a cat is running around in her school.“

Ms. Green looked at the class and said: „Okay, everyone goes outside and looks for Alan’s and Tom’s cat now. We need to find Casper.“

The students were happy to go outside again, and everyone helped to look for Casper. Alan was still worried, he didn‘t know where Casper could be. He wished he didn’t listen to Dennis and Tom.

Suddenly Dennis screamed: „I found him! I found him! Casper is here under the bench.“

Alan and Tom ran to Dennis and saw Casper sleeping under the bench in the corner of the schoolyard.

Tom laughed: „That is so typical. Casper always sleeps, no matter where.“

„Maybe he was exhausted from running after the ball.“ Said Dennis and smiled. Alan took. Casper into his arms. He was so happy that they found him.

They put Casper back into his cage, and he slept there until the class was over.

In the afternoon, Wendy asked the boys: „How was the Pets Day at school? Did Casper have fun?“

„He was mostly sleeping.“ Said Tom and smiled at Alan.

**Comprehending Questions**

1. Why was Alan excited when he woke up?

Because of…

Breakfast

His friend birthday

Pets Day in school

1. Who left Casper out of his cage?

Dennis

Tom

Alan

Jacob

1. The whole class helped to find the cat

True

False

1. Alan found Casper

True

False

1. Where did they find Casper?

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