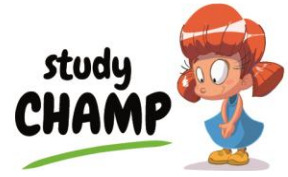




Challenging comprehension exercise

What will mommy do when I'm at school?

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Read the story below then answer the questions which follow.

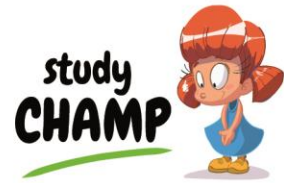
Today is Jessica's first day at school. She is very excited to meet her teacher and to make new friends, but she is also very scared. What if she does not know where her class is or where to find her teacher? For as long as Jessica has known, she has always done everything with her mom – she knew exactly what her mom did each day. Now she has no idea what her mom will do when she is at school. As Jessica was driving to school with her mom, she thought long for a moment, then she said "Mom, for as long as I've known you, I've never left you alone. What are you going to do when I am at school today?"

Jessica knew that she will have lots of exciting things to do at school today. Her mom told her that she will be playing outside on the playground, she will have a chance to play inside the class and play all her favourite dress-up games. Jessica loves drawing, and her mom told her that she will be able to draw lovely pictures, build exciting puzzles and play other fun games, so she was not worried at all!

"Well, honey," her mom said. "Can you remember all the fun things we did together?" "Yes, I can. We made muffins in the morning, sang songs the whole day, we combed each other's hair, we read books and some days we went shopping for groceries."

When they got to school, Jessica's mother took her to her class. After one final hug, Jessica gave her mom a big smile and said "Enjoy your fun day at home, mom. I will see you a little later!"

From then, Jessica knew exactly what her mother will do when she is at school.

**Questions:**

1. Can you remember how you felt on your first day of school? Describe the feeling.

2. What is the girl's name in the story? _____

3. What is she worried about? _____

4. What are some of the exciting things they used to do together? Name three things. _____

5. How is the girl's school day different from your school day? _____

6. What do these “ ” signs mean in the story? Give an example. _____

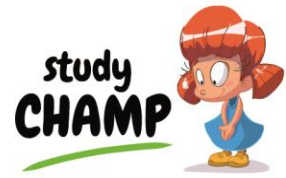
7. Look for the spelling mistakes below. Underline them and write the words with the correct spelling on the lines.

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Correctly spelled words: _____

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8. Draw a picture of Jessica and her mom on the back of the page.



Questions: (Memo)

1. Can you remember how you felt on your first day of school? Describe the feeling.

Example: I felt very excited to meet my teacher, but scared to leave home and my friends from pre-school.

2. What is the girl's name in the story? The girl's name from the story is Jessica.

3. What is she worried about? She is worried about what her mother will be doing when she is at school. She does not want her mother to feel lonely when she is not with her.

4. What are some of the exciting things they used to do together? Name three things. They made muffins in the morning, sang songs the whole day, and combed each other's hair.

5. How is the girl's school day different from your school day? She is still in the pre-school where they have time to play outside for a long time, then they play dress-up games inside the class. They can draw lots of pictures, build puzzles and play lots of fun games. I am in the primary school already. We do not play inside the class anymore, we do work in books and don't really build puzzles at school anymore.

6. What do these “ “ signs mean in the story? Give an example. These “ “ are called quotation marks. They are used to show when somebody is speaking in a story. “Enjoy your fun day at home, mom. I will see you a little later.”

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