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Reading Test 1.1: Character, Setting, and Plot

Brighter School Days

Roy and Sammy rode their bikes to school. They rode through the gates and saw the new solar roof on top of the school. The morning sun was already shining on it.

Last week in school, Roy and Sammy learned about the sun's energy. They also learned about how a solar roof uses the sun's energy. The sun shines all day onto solar cells on the roof. The solar cells take in and save energy from the sun. This energy is used for lights in the school.

Sammy parked his bike. He said, "Look, Roy, there's the new solar roof we helped our dads put up on the school. We carried lots of tools for them so they could go up to the roof. Too bad the kids couldn't go up."

"I know," replied Roy as he got off his bike. He added, "But it was cool riding in the crane with our dads."

"Look," said Sammy, "there's a leaf on one of the solar cells. Let's get a ladder and take it off so that it doesn't block the sun. And we can see if the cells are working."

Sammy ran behind the school to look for a ladder. As he followed Sammy, Roy said, "I'm not sure that's a good idea."

Tools and ladders were still in the schoolyard. The boys started to look for a ladder they could carry. "What are you boys up to?" said a voice from behind them.

The boys turned around to see Mr. Harris, the school groundskeeper. He walked towards them with a hammer in his hand. "We were just looking for a ladder to check the solar roof and get a leaf off," said Roy.

Mr. Harris looked at them and said, "Come with me."

Sammy and Roy followed Mr. Harris into the school and down to the basement. He brought them to a room with a box on the wall. Circles with numbers on them turned on the box. Mr. Harris explained that the numbers were the energy readings. The solar cells on the roof were taking in the sun's energy. Mr. Harris added, "When the lights in your classroom are turned on, they use this energy. As long as there is a sun, we will not run out."

"But what about the leaf?" wondered Sammy. "It's blocking the sun! We need a ladder to get to the roof!"

Mr. Harris answered, "The wind will probably blow it off. But I have an idea if you are interested in the solar roof. Would you both like to check on the energy readings every week?"

Both boys nodded their heads yes. "Great!" said Mr. Harris. "Well, let's get you to your class so your teacher knows where you are." He walked the boys to their classroom.

When they got there, Mr. Harris told their teacher, "It looks like these boys have a bright future in school." They all chuckled.

1. **Part A:** What time of day is it when the boys arrive at school?

- ☐ Morning
- ☐ Lunchtime
- ☐ After school
- ☐ Nighttime

Part B: Write the sentence that tells you what time it is when the boys arrive at school.

2. **Part A:** Who is Mr. Harris?

- ☐ Sammy and Roy's teacher
- ☐ Sammy and Roy's father
- ☐ The school's groundskeeper
- ☐ The school's principal

Part B: Write the sentence that tells you who Mr. Harris is.

3. **Part A:** What is the energy from the solar panels on the school's roof used for?

- ☐ To power the school's lights
- ☐ To power houses around the school
- ☐ To power the school's cafeteria
- ☐ To power Sammy and Roy's classroom

Part B: Write the sentence that tells you what the energy from the solar panels is used for.

4. **Part A:** How does Roy feel about Sammy's plan to find a ladder?

- ☐ Roy thinks that Sammy's plan is a good idea.
- ☐ Roy is jealous of Sammy's plan.
- ☐ Roy thinks Sammy's plan is a bad idea.
- ☐ Roy wants to tell his teacher about Sammy's plan.

Part B: Write the sentence that tells you how Roy feels about Sammy's plan.

5. **Part A:** How does Mr. Harris help solve the problem of the leaf on the roof?
- ☐ Mr. Harris says that the leaf will blow off with the wind.
 - ☐ Mr. Harris gets a ladder and climbs up onto the roof to get the leaf.
 - ☐ Mr. Harris says that the solar panels won't work with the leaf on the roof.
 - ☐ Mr. Harris gets a ladder and lets Roy and Sammy climb on the roof to get the leaf.

Part B: Write the sentence that tells what Mr. Harris says about the leaf on the roof.

Read the following story. Then answer the questions.


Once upon a time there were three little pigs. One pig built a house of straw while the second pig built his house with sticks. They built their houses very quickly and then sang and danced all day because they were lazy. The third little pig worked hard all day and built his house with bricks.

A big bad wolf saw the two little pigs while they danced and played and thought, "What juicy tender meals they will make!" He chased the two pigs and they ran and hid in their houses. The big bad wolf went to the first house and huffed and puffed and blew the house down in minutes. The frightened little pig ran to the second pig's house that was made of sticks. The big bad wolf now came to this house and huffed and puffed and blew the house down in hardly any time. Now, the two little pigs were terrified and ran to the third pig's house that was made of bricks.

The big bad wolf tried to huff and puff and blow the house down, but he could not. He kept trying for hours but the house was very strong and the little pigs were safe inside. He tried to enter through the chimney but the third little pig boiled a big pot of water and kept it below the chimney. The wolf fell into it and died.

The two little pigs now felt sorry for having been so lazy. They too built their houses with bricks and lived happily ever after.

Fill out this story map for "The Three Little Pigs."

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Story Map			
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