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Reading Comprehension

Read the passage below carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.

CARLA LEARNS TO LISTEN



It is five minutes to three. Carla is anxious to go home to watch her favourite television show. Her books are loaded and her backpack is ready to close. She presses and squeezes her bag together. Carla even tries sitting on it. She jumps up and down on the bag but, in spite of her best efforts, the backpack just would not close.

At the chalkboard, Mrs. Jena explains the homework which is due the next day. Carla did not hear the instructions. She was just too busy trying to close her backpack. However, just as she decided to take a **break** Mrs. Jena asked for questions. Carla shot up her hand and yelled 'Teacher, Do we have an assignment today?' Mrs. Jena smiled and said "yes you do; see me after class Carla and I'll explain it all to you."

Carla was so embarrassed! As they left the classroom, she walked next to Mrs. Jena and quietly stated 'I will be a better listener in class tomorrow'.

1. According to information from the passage why was Carla eager to leave school?
2. What was the problem that Carla experienced while in the classroom?

3. **“Carla was embarrassed because of her action.”**

From this statement we conclude that:

Carla was ashamed of her behavior.

Carla’s behavior was acceptable.

Carla felt calm about her behavior.

Carla felt proud about her behavior.

4. Which of the following statements has the same meaning as the word **“break”** as used in paragraph 2.

To separate something into parts

To be given another chance

To leave something for a while

To escape from somewhere

5. According to information provided in the passage, what lesson did Carla learn as a result of her actions at school?

6. According to information from the passage, the story takes place:

at Carla’s house

in Carla’s classroom

in the school’s parking lot

on the school’s playground

Could this story really happen? **Yes** or **No**?

Write two facts from the story why you chose yes or no.