

## English Written Exam (February 2022)

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### **Part 1: Comprehension**

Read and answer the questions

### **Martin's Monkey**



Martin picked up his stuffed monkey and gave it a squeeze.

"Today I'm starting first grade, Sunny. I might not know anyone in my class. So I'm glad you're coming with me!"

"You should leave Sunny at home," Martin's sister Clara said.

"The other kids might think it's strange to bring a stuffed animal to school. I never brought my toys with me."

But Martin took Sunny everywhere. Sunny came on car rides and camping trips. And when it thundered loudly, Martin always looked into the monkey's bright, sunny eyes. It helped him to

remember that storms don't last forever. Petting Sunny's golden fur helped Martin feel calm and happy.

Now, Martin put Sunny in his backpack. "Sunny can't stay home," he told Clara. "He's my best friend!"



When Martin entered his new class, he put Sunny on top of his desk. The other children stared. Martin looked around. No one else had a stuffed animal.

Martin remembered what Clara had said. Did the other kids think his stuffed monkey was strange? Martin slid down in his seat and tried to look smaller.

"Why did you bring that monkey to school?" a girl asked.

"I brought him because .

" Martin started to answer. He wanted to explain that Sunny was his best friend, but there were too many eyes watching him. He closed his mouth.

Finally, he put his monkey away.

"I'm sorry," he whispered to Sunny.



On the ride home from school, Martin kept Sunny in his backpack. When he got off the bus, he saw Clara in the car with Grandpa.

"Where are you going?" he asked.

"I've got a cavity," Clara said sadly. "Grandpa's taking me to the dentist."

"What's a cavity?" Martin asked.

"It's a hole in your tooth," Clara said. "I hope it doesn't hurt when the dentist fills it."

"You'll be fine," Grandpa said.

Martin leaned in closer to Clara. "Are you scared?" he whispered.

Clara nodded. "A little," she said.

Martin reached into his backpack and pulled out Sunny.

"Take him with you," he said. He handed Clara the monkey.

"If you get scared, Sunny will help."



After Clara left, Grandma made Martin a snack of toast and jam. He could not eat a bite.

"How about a game of checkers?" Grandma asked.

"No thanks," he said.

Finally, Clara came home. She was giving Sunny a piggyback ride.

"Guess what?" Clara said. She handed Sunny to Martin.

"The dentist fixed my cavity! And every time I felt scared, I squeezed Sunny and petted his fur.

Sunny even got a prize for being such a good friend!"

Martin saw a bright blue sticker on Sunny's chest.

Martin hugged Sunny tightly. Tomorrow, he would take his monkey to school again. But this time, Martin would not hide Sunny.

"I will tell everyone what a great friend you are," Martin told Sunny. "Who knows who else might need your help?"

## Questions:

### 1. Why does Martin want to bring Sunny to school? Look for clues in the story.

The other kids told Martin they will bring toys, too.

Martin feels less afraid when Sunny is near.

Clara told Martin to show Sunny to his friends.

### 2. Look at the picture. What does Martin do with Sunny when the other children stare at him?

Martin puts Sunny inside his desk.

Martin gives Sunny to his teacher.

Martin puts Sunny in his backpack.

### 3. Why does Clara feel a little scared?

She thinks getting her tooth fixed might hurt.

She doesn't like riding in cars without Martin.

She doesn't know where Grandpa is taking her.

#### 4. Why won't Martin hide Sunny again?

Sunny can't fit in Martin's backpack anymore.

Clara tells Martin not to hide Sunny.

Martin sees that Sunny can help people.