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Leonard is a quiet boy who always sits at the back of the classroom. He doesn't talk much, but he listens carefully to everything. His best friends are Sheldon and Penny. They always sit together during lunch and talk about school, homework, and sometimes scary stories.

One cold evening, Leonard, Sheldon, and Penny stay late at school to finish a project. The school is empty, and the lights flicker. "Do you hear that?" Leonard asks. A strange sound is coming from the hallway. Penny looks scared. "Maybe it's the wind," she says.

Suddenly, the lights go out. Leonard's heart begins to beat faster. "We should check what's happening," Sheldon suggests. They walk down the hallway, and the sound becomes louder. It sounds like footsteps.

Leonard opens the classroom door slowly. A shadow appears on the wall. "Hello?" Leonard calls. No answer. The shadow moves. Penny screams. They run down the hallway, but the door is closed.

"Who closed the door?" Sheldon asks. Leonard tries to open it, but it doesn't move. "It's locked!" he shouts.

Suddenly, a cold wind blows through the hallway. Leonard feels something touch his shoulder. "Who's there?" he asks. No one answers. A whisper comes from the darkness, "Leave now..."

Leonard's hands are shaking. He looks at Sheldon and Penny. "We need to find another way out," he says. They run to the other side of the school. Sheldon checks the windows – they are locked too.

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"We need to stay calm," Leonard says. He tries to think. Penny starts to cry. "We will escape," Leonard says. "Let's check the library."

They run to the library. The door creaks open. Inside, books are flying off the shelves. "This is not possible!" Sheldon shouts. A book hits the floor. Leonard picks it up. The title is The Lost Students.

Leonard opens the book. It talks about students who disappeared years ago. "They never found them," Leonard reads.

Suddenly, a ghostly figure appears. It has dark eyes and a long face. Leonard steps back. "Who are you?" he asks.

The ghost points at the book. "Help us," it whispers. Leonard feels cold. "How can we help?" he asks.

"You must finish the story," the ghost says. Leonard looks at the book. He starts writing. "The students escape the school and are safe..."

The ghost smiles and begins to disappear. The lights stop flickering. The door opens. Leonard, Sheldon, and Penny run outside.

"We did it," Leonard says, breathing heavily. Penny looks at him. "How did you know what to do?"

"I believed," Leonard says, holding the book.



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Reading Comprehension Exercise

Why do Leonard, Sheldon, and Penny stay late at school?

- a) They want to play a game.
- b) They are working on a project.
- c) They are waiting for their teacher.
- d) They are lost.

What sound do they hear in the hallway?

- a) Laughing.
- b) Footsteps.
- c) Crying.
- d) Screaming.

Why can't they leave the school?

- a) The doors are locked.
- b) The teacher tells them to stay.
- c) It is raining.
- d) They are too scared to move.

What happens when they enter the library?

- a) The ghost disappears.
- b) They find a key.
- c) Books start flying off the shelves.
- d) The librarian helps them.

What does the ghost want Leonard to do?

- a) Run away.
- b) Finish the story.
- c) Break the window.
- d) Call the police.

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What does Leonard write in the book?

- a) "The ghost disappears forever."
- b) "The students escape the school and are safe."
- c) "The ghost becomes angry."
- d) "The doors remain locked forever."

How do Leonard, Sheldon, and Penny feel when they escape?

- a) Angry.
- b) Calm.
- c) Relieved.
- d) Sad.

Why does Leonard think he can help the ghost?

- a) He knows the history of the school.
- b) He believes in ghosts.
- c) He reads the book.
- d) He finds a key.

What lesson does Leonard learn?

- a) Ghosts are dangerous.
- b) Books are magical.
- c) Believing and trying helps solve problems.
- d) Staying at school late is dangerous.

What is the main theme of the story?

- a) Friendship and courage.
- b) Ghosts and fear.
- c) Magic and mystery.
- d) School and learning.

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Order the words.

- teacher The is the lesson. explaining
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- questions They ask . always
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- Mom clothes is the . folding
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- always The dog the ball. catches
-
- big She every night. dreams
-
- today I do feel well . not
-
- We at the are party. dancing
-
- parents My argue. sometimes
-
- flies The Paris plane to .
-
- shopping She is the bags. carrying
-
- lunch He eats late. never
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Listen to the audio and fill in the blanks.

1. Are you asking me a question?
2. I early every day.
3. They the team often.
4. She is a cake.
5. I can't this noise.
6. He nervous when he speaks.
7. They are now.
8. I don't his story.
9. He is the iron.
10. I on a horse.
11. You must the papers.
12. The dog is him.
13. His nose often.
14. The wind is hard.
15. Don't me.
16. He is the window.
17. They dogs.
18. He is a cake.
19. The news live.
20. They are a house.



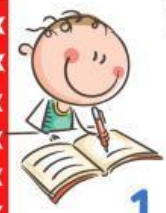


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