

STORY ELEMENTS: CHARACTER, SETTING, PLOT AND THEME

Carla Learns to Listen

It is five minutes to three. Carla is anxious to go home to watch her favorite 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 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 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".

Instructions: Read the passage. Use information from the passage to answer each question.

1. Who are the characters in the story?

- (a) Carla (b) Mrs. Jena (c) Cathy

2. Where did the story take place?

- (a) at home (b) in the classroom (c) at the playground

3. According to the information from the passage, why was Carla eager to leave school?

- (a) She wanted to play with her toys.
(b) Carla wanted to complete her homework.
(c) She wanted to watch her favorite TV show.

4. What event happened first in the story?

- (a) Carla did not hear Mrs. Jena's instructions.
(b) Carla was anxious to go home.
(c) Carla was embarrassed by her actions.

5. What event happened last in the story?

- (a) Carla did not hear Mrs. Jena's instructions.
(b) Carla was anxious to go home.

(c) Carla was embarrassed by her actions.

6. "Carla was embarrassed because of her actions". This statement tells us that:

(a) Carla felt proud about her behavior.

(b) Carla was ashamed of her behavior.

(c) Carla felt calm about her behavior.

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

(a) Pay attention while your teacher is speaking.

(b) Pack your bags before the bell rings.

(c) Clean out your desk before the bell rings.