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A Trip to the Aquarium



A field trip to the aquarium meant three things to Gabe. First, he would get to see fish. Second, he would get to eat at the aquarium's café. Third, he would have a lot to talk about when he visited Granny at the nursing home later that night.

Gabe listened carefully as his teacher gave them rules for the trip. There should be no running, yelling, or tapping on the glass of the tanks. Those were easy rules. He would make sure he obeyed them.

The first tank they visited was full of brightly colored, tropical fish. There were yellow fish, blush fish, and orange fish. Some of the kids tapped on the glass, but their teacher quickly stopped them.

Next, they came to large tanks of turtles, sting rays, and sharks. Gabe loved the large water animals. Some of the kids ran between the tanks, but Gabe didn't run.

Another exhibit was low to the ground. It was full of small horseshoe crabs they could pet. Gabe was very gentle as he petted a crab that swam by him.

Kevin, one of his classmates, leaned closed to Gabe. "I dare you to grab one and lift it from the water."

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Gabe looked at the crabs swimming peacefully. "I don't think we're allowed to do that," he said.

Kevin shrugged his shoulders. "It's not against the rules."

That was true, but it still didn't feel right. Gabe shook his head. "No, I'm not going to do that. We should treat marine life kindly."

Kevin laughed and walked away. Gabe sighed in relief. He would tell Granny all about his day at the aquarium. He would even tell her what Kevin said. Granny would be proud of him.

Soon, they ate at the café. Then, it was time to return to school. Gabe had a great trip to the aquarium. He couldn't wait to come back again.

1) What lesson do you learn from the story?

   a) If something doesn't feel right to you, don't do it.

   b) Fish are greatly fun creatures.

   c) When they are outside, kids are more excited about eating food than seeing things.

2) Name the three things Gabe is excited about.

eating fish – seeing fish – doing what kevin told him – telling granny about what happened – tapping on the glass of the tanks – eating in the aquarium's cafe

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3) What is the story's setting?

a) an aquarium

b) a café near the aquarium

c) a classroom

4) Based on the story, which of the following sentences is true?

a) Lots of rules made the trip to the aquarium a boring affair.

b) Telling Granny all about the aquarium was the only reason why Gabe joined the trip.

c) With different fish and water animals on display, the aquarium was a fun learning experience.

5) Choose a synonym for "exhibition":

a) Display
b) Room
c) Shop

6) Choose an antonym for "carefully":

a) Accurately
b) Carelessly
c) Negatively

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