

Reading Comprehension: I had to stand in the corner!

Put was or were in the blanks.

I started school when I was five. I was a clever, but shy child. My teacher liked me and I loved her. There were twenty pupils in my class. Sometimes my classmates were noisy and troublesome, but I was not. My school was quite small with about seventy pupils. The headmistress, Miss Crisp, knew us all. She was old and small and very kind. One day, when I was six, a guest speaker came to our school. She was a writer and she came to read our class and another class one of her stories. There were forty of us altogether. We all sat on the floor and she began to read. It was a lovely story, so interesting and funny. Our teacher and the other class's teacher were in the staffroom. There were no other teachers, just the writer and us pupils. As she finished the story, I was so happy that I laughed out loud. I wanted to show her how much I liked the story. Immediately, the writer told me to stand up. Then she ordered me to go and stand in the corner. She told me to face the wall. I did as she told me. I was very upset. All the other pupils were laughing at me. Then Miss Crisp, our headmistress came in. When she saw me in the corner, she said to the writer: 'Why on Earth is Pia standing in the corner? Pia is one of our best pupils. Come and sit down, Pia'. At that moment, I loved Miss Crisp with all my heart. I don't know how that writer felt, but I hope she felt bad.

Answer the questions in full sentences:

- a. How old was Pia when she started school? _____
- b. What kind of child was she? _____
- c. How did she feel about her teacher? _____
- d. Were her classmates always good? _____
- e. How many pupils were at her school? _____
- f. Who was Miss Crisp? _____
- g. What was Miss Crisp like? _____
- h. Who came to the school when Pia was six? _____
- i. Why did she come to the school? _____
- j. Where did the pupils sit? _____
- k. How many were there altogether? _____
- l. Where did Pia's teacher go? _____
- m. Why did Pia laugh out loud? _____
- n. What did the writer tell Pia to do? _____
- o. How did Pia feel? _____
- p. What did the other pupils do? _____
- q. Whose side was Miss Crisp on? _____
- r. How did Pia feel about Miss Crisp? _____

* Did a teacher punish you unfairly? What happened? How did you feel?

RELAXING AND READING: write the numbers on the line.



a. She has long blond hair. She is wearing a blue dress with a white apron. She has a cat, an apple and two teapots. 10

b. She has short black hair. She is wearing a short skirt. There is a cat on the back of her chair.

c. She has short hair. Her legs are crossed. She is wearing jeans.

d. She has long, curly black hair. Her legs are over the arm of the chair. A fluffy ginger cat is on the back of the chair.

e. Her legs are over the arm of the chair. She is wearing school uniform. She has blond hair, in plaits.

f. She has medium-length brown hair. She's got her feet up. Her book is resting on some cushions.

g. She has brown hair and she's wearing a long, brown dress. She's got her feet up. There are letters around her chair.

h. She has long, curly ginger hair. She is reading and she's also listening to music.

i. She is wearing her hair up. She's got glasses. There is a pile of books on the back of her chair and she has a mug of tea.

j. She has long hair, tied back. She's wearing a long white dress and she has a star pendant. There is stardust around her and her lovely dog is sitting beside her.

k. She is so pretty in pink! She looks like a princess. There is a candlestick on the chair arm and a little toy on the floor.

l. She has medium length blond hair. She has crossed legs. She's wearing an orange T-shirt and mid-length pants.



