

A New Place to Call Home

Ian didn't want to leave his old town. He used to hang out with his friends at the park every afternoon. He hated the idea of starting over in a new place. Deborah, his older sister, tried to help him pack. "You'll have new friends," she said with a smile.

The morning they had to leave, Ian could hear the movers loading the truck. Demmie, his little cousin, tried to hide her sadness. Bruce, their big brother, accidentally hit his elbow while moving boxes. "Ouch! That hurt!" he shouted. Deborah rushed to hold the door open.

At the new house, their neighbours came to introduce themselves. Mrs. Taylor invited them over for lemonade and cookies. Demmie offered to help her iron some cloth napkins. "You're such a sweet girl," said Mrs. Taylor. Bruce asked if he could join the neighbourhood soccer team.

The next day, Ian felt nervous at school. He thought everyone would judge him. But instead, one kid jumped up and said, "Hey, new guy! Come sit here!" Ian laughed and sat down. He decided to keep an open mind.

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During recess, Ian saw a boy trying to hurt a kitten. Ian ran and yelled, "Stop! You could kill it!" The boy stepped back and knelt to the ground. "I didn't mean to," he said. Ian gently picked up the kitten and held it in his arms.

That afternoon, Demmie learned how to knit with an old woman next door. She enjoyed it more than she thought. Bruce knocked on the neighbour's door and asked for a ball pump. "Nice to see kids outside again," the neighbour smiled. Deborah already knew most people in the frame on the block.

They all laughed together during dinner. "I guess this place isn't so bad," Ian admitted. Deborah lay on the couch, finally relaxed. Bruce led a small game of trivia. Demmie leaned on Ian's shoulder. "Let's make good memories here," she whispered.

That night, Ian lay in bed and stared at the ceiling. He thought about all the things he had to leave behind. But now, he was ready to lend his heart to this new place. "Let's do this," he said to himself. Then, he let himself drift into sleep.

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Reading Comprehension Exercise

Instructions: Choose the correct answer (A, B, or C) for each question.:

1. Why didn't Ian want to leave his old town?

- A. He was afraid of flying.
- B. He used to play with his friends every afternoon.
- C. He didn't like his family.

2. What did Deborah do to help Ian?

- A. She packed his toys.
- B. She helped him pack and encouraged him.
- C. She made him lemonade.

3. What happened to Bruce while moving boxes?

- A. He dropped one on his foot.
- B. He twisted his ankle.
- C. He hit his elbow.

4. How did Mrs. Taylor welcome the family?

- A. She gave them a tour of the house.
- B. She invited them for lemonade and cookies.
- C. She gave them a basket of fruit.



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5. What did Demmie do with Mrs. Taylor?

- A. Helped iron cloth napkins.
- B. Played soccer.
- C. Knitted a scarf.

6. How did Ian feel on his first day of school?

- A. Happy and excited.
- B. Nervous and afraid of judgment.
- C. Bored and tired.

7. What happened during recess?

- A. Ian made a new friend.
- B. Ian saw a boy trying to hurt a kitten.
- C. Ian got hurt.

8. What did Bruce do in the new neighborhood?

- A. He stayed inside all day.
- B. He helped Demmie with knitting.
- C. He joined a soccer team and asked for a ball pump.

9. How did Ian feel by the end of the day?

- A. He still missed his old home and cried.
- B. He felt ready to start a new life.
- C. He wanted to move again.

10. What did Demmie say during dinner?

- A. "I miss home."
- B. "I love the cookies!"
- C. "Let's make good memories here."

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Complete the sentences with the correct past form of the verbs

Instructions: Write the correct past tense of the verb in parentheses.

1. She _____ the picture on the wall. (hang)
2. I _____ broccoli when I was a child. (hate)
3. We _____ lunch at 1 p.m. (have)
4. He _____ a strange noise last night. (hear)
5. They _____ me with my homework. (help)
6. The cat _____ under the bed. (hide)
7. He _____ the ball very hard. (hit)
8. She _____ the baby in her arms. (hold)
9. I _____ my arm playing soccer. (hurt)
10. He _____ his new friend to the group. (introduce)
11. We _____ them to the party. (invite)
12. My mom _____ my shirt yesterday. (iron)
13. She _____ the dance class last week. (join)
14. The judge _____ the competition. (judge)
15. The boy _____ over the puddle. (jump)

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Identify the error and correct the sentence (Past Simple)

Instructions: Each sentence has an error in the use of the past simple verb. Find the error and write the correct version.

- **She kneel before the altar.**
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- **Grandma knit a scarf for me last winter.**
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- **He knock the door loudly.**
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- **I knowed the answer.**
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- **We laugh a lot at the movie.**
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- **She layed the baby on the bed.**
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- **He lead the team to victory.**
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- **I lean against the wall.**
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- **They leap across the stream.**
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- **We learned the lesson fast.**
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- **She leave the room in silence.**
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- **I lended him my bike.**
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