LESSON 2

READING & CONVERSATION

Read each story and then discuss the questions with your partner or group.



THE HURRICANE

A. READING

Fannie's neighborhood was destroyed by a hurricane. If Fannie had known about the dangers, she would have left the city. If the government had warned the citizens, then many people wouldn't have been trapped in their houses by floodwaters. If the government had listened to the warnings of environmentalists, the city could have taken more precautions. If there had been better planning, the damage wouldn't have been so severe. If Fannie had been warned, she could have gathered emergency supplies of food and water. If the government had provided buses and transportation, then everyone could have evacuated the area.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Have you or someone you know ever experienced a natural disaster?
- What could Fannie and her neighbors have done to prepare for the hurricane?
- What responsibilities do governments have to protect their citizens?
- How can communities become more resilient to natural disasters?
- What lessons can we learn from situations like this?



RYAN'S CRAZY CLASS TRIP

A. READING

Ryan woke up late for school today. If Ryan had remembered that today was a class trip, he would have arrived on time. If Ryan hadn't been late, his classmates wouldn't have been annoyed at him. If he had remembered they were visiting a farm, he wouldn't have worn his best clothes. If he had known they were going horseback riding, he would have worn his cowboy hat. If Ryan hadn't tried doing cowboy tricks on the horse, he wouldn't have ended up face-first in the mud. Also, if he had stayed away from the cows as he was told, he wouldn't have been chased around by an angry herd. After lunch, the class went berry-picking. If he had listened to the warning about poisonous berries, Ryan wouldn't have spent the afternoon in the hospital. But if Ryan had behaved himself all day, he wouldn't have had so many funny stories to tell his parents when he got home.

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever gone on a school trip? What was it like?
- What decisions did Ryan make that caused problems?
- Why do you think it's important to listen to instructions?
- What could Ryan have done to have a better experience?
- What's the most memorable or funny thing that has happened to you on a school trip?

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