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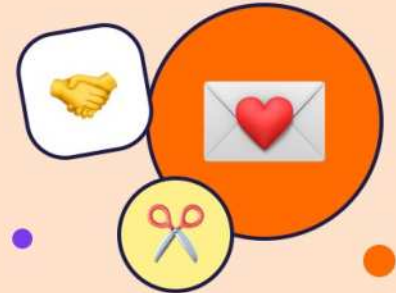
Grade 3

Valentine's Day reading comprehension: a card for everyone

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I can describe characters and explain the central message of a story.



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A Card for Everyone



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The next morning, a new girl named Priya stood quietly by the door. It was her first day. She looked at the paper bags on every desk and then at her empty hands. "I didn't know about the cards," she whispered.

Mateo looked at his last blank heart. He had made it as an extra, just in case. At recess, he folded it into a card, drew a smiling sun and wrote, "Welcome to our class, Priya!"

When Priya opened the card, her face lit up. "Thank you," she said. "Can you show me how to make one?" After school, they made cards together. By Friday, Priya had made a card for everyone, too.

2 Character traits

Draw a line from each trait to the evidence that shows it.

☐

creative

☐

shy

☐

kind

☐

thankful



A.

Mateo makes a welcome card for Priya.



B.

Priya says "Thank you."



C.

Mateo draws a tiny picture on each card.



D.

Priya stands quietly by the door.

3 Check your reading

Circle the best answer.

1. Why was Priya worried?

A

She was sick.

B

She did not have any cards.

C

She lost her bag.

2. How many hearts did Mateo cut out?

A

12

B

20

C

24

3. What is the lesson of the story?

A

A small kind act can help someone feel welcome.

B

Always make extra cards to win.

C

New students should stay quiet.

4 True or false

Circle the right answer.

1. Priya was new to the class.

True

False

2. Mateo bought his cards at a store.

True

False

3. Mateo and Priya made cards together after school.

True

False

4. Priya never made any cards.

True

False

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**Story details**

Use the story to fill in each blank.

1. Mateo drew a tiny _____ on each card.
2. Priya stood quietly by the _____.
3. It was Priya's _____ day.
4. Mateo drew a smiling _____ on Priya's card.
5. By _____, Priya had made a card for everyone.

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**Story order**

Write 1 to 4 in the boxes.

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☐

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☐

Mateo cuts out paper hearts.

☐

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**Mateo or Priya?**

Write each detail under the right character.

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whispered

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Mateo

Priya

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**Read between the lines**

Circle the best answer.

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2. Why did Mateo have a blank heart left?

A He forgot one student.

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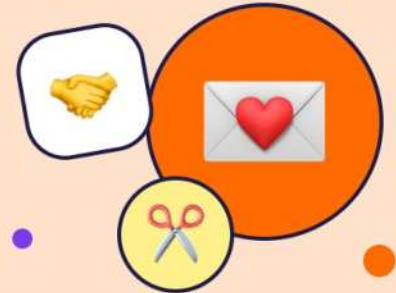
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