

CONTEXT CLUES

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Farah's First Day



Farah had just moved to New York with her family from Afghanistan. Farah and her family were refugees. They left their country because there was a war and they were no longer safe in Afghanistan.

It was Farah's first day at her new school. She was very nervous. She didn't know much about American schools and American children. Farah knew English, but she spoke with an accent that made her sound different from Americans. Farah knew she looked different too. She wore a head scarf called a hijab. She was worried kids would make fun of her. She had heard stories about how hard it was for people from the Middle East to be accepted in America.

Farah's mom walked her to school and left her in the front office. The lady in the office brought Farah to her new classroom. She was going to be in fourth grade. Farrah was shaking as she entered the room. She was introduced to her new teacher, Mr. McMillian. Mr. McMillian introduced Farah to the class. The kids in her class were pointing at her and whispering. Farah felt uneasy.

That afternoon, Farah's parents asked her about her first day of school. "I am different from the American kids," Farah responded. "They stared and pointed at my hijab and laughed at my accent."

"They are only doing that because they don't understand our culture," her dad replied. "Why don't you teach them?"

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Janie's Special Class

Janie was **anxious**. Today was the first day of speech class. Janie had trouble **pronouncing** the letter "s". Her mom and her teacher told her that speech class would help her speak clearly. Janie didn't want to go to speech class. She would be pulled out of her regular classroom. She worried that the other kids would **mock** her. She thought the kids who went to special classes weren't smart. What if she missed something important in her regular class?

The time came and Mrs. Betsy, the speech teacher, came to pick up Janie. Janie slumped in her seat when she called her name. She quietly followed Mrs. Betsy. She sulked down the hallway. Mrs. Betsy talked excitedly to Janie.

"I'm so excited to have you in my group, Janie! We are going to have so much fun."

They went to Mrs. Betsy's small room down the hall. There were two other kids in her grade sitting at a table. The walls were covered with bright posters.

"Ben and Jasmine, this is Janie. She will be joining us for speech class from now on."

"Hi, Janie!" Ben and Jasmine greeted her. "You are going to love speech class. We always have fun!"

Janie felt a little better. She knew Ben and Jasmine from the playground. They were just like her. No one made fun of them for going to speech class.

Mrs. Betsy pulled out a box with a game. "Today we are going to play "Guess Who?" As we play, we are going to focus on **enunciating** our sounds."

Janie had a blast playing "Guess Who?" with her new friends. Mrs. Betsy stopped them when they had trouble **annunciating** sounds and helped them practice.

"Speech class isn't bad after all," Janie thought to herself. "It is actually fun! We get to play games, make friends, and Mrs. Betsy really helps us with our speech."

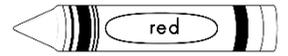
When Janie went back to class, she had a huge smile on her face. Kids in her class asked her where she was. Janie told them she went to speech and played games. The kids in Janie's class didn't tease her. They wished that they could go to speech class, too.



Context Clues

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. Read these sentences from paragraph 1 of the story:



"Janie was **anxious**. Today was the first day she would have to go to speech class."

What does the word "anxious" mean in paragraph 1?

- a. gloomy
- b. thrilled
- c. pleased
- d. nervous

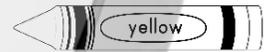
2. What is the meaning of the word "pronouncing" in paragraph 1?

- a. adding
- b. saying
- c. writing
- d. reading



3. In paragraph 1, the author stated "She worried that the other kids would **mock** her" to show that Janie was worried people would:

- a. make fun of her
- b. be jealous of her
- c. be pleasant to her
- d. be thoughtful to her



4. Read this sentence from paragraph 8 of the story:



"As we play, we are going to focus on **enunciating** our sounds."

What does the word "enunciate" mean in paragraph 8?

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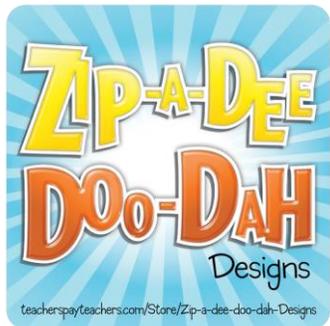
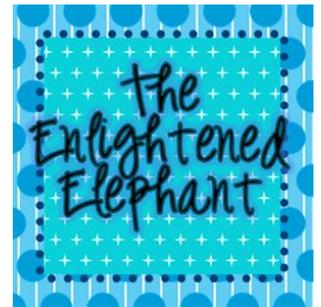
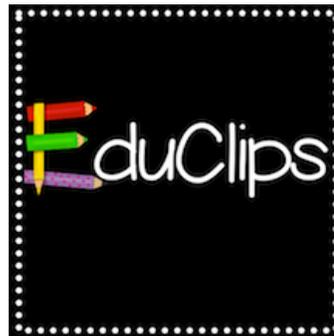
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