

# Alex's First Day of School

Today was Alex's first day at Harlington Primary School. His mother had got a new job, so the whole family had to move to a new city. Alex had always loved the idea of living in a big city, but he was very sad to leave his old school.

Alex already missed all of his old friends. They had known each other ever since reception. He didn't know anybody in the new city they had just moved to or at his new school.

As Alex got dressed in his new uniform, hundreds of thoughts rushed through his mind. Would he fit in? Would the teachers be nice? His stomach was full of butterflies and he started to feel slightly sick.

"I don't want to go," he told his mother with a worried look on his face. She reassured him that it was going to be okay.

They walked together to the school, which was only fifteen minutes away from their new home. It was a sunny day, without a cloud in sight, which improved his mood.

At the school gates, he was greeted by a friendly teacher called Ms Walker.

"Hello Alex," she said. "We've been looking forward to meeting you!" She had a warm smile and a kind voice. Alex's fears quickly melted away.

The teacher gave him a short tour of the school and showed him the library, the computer room and the playground. The new school was much larger than his old one. It felt like a maze. He was certain that he wouldn't remember how to find anything.



At the end of the tour, Ms Walker stopped in front of a big blue door at the end of a corridor. “This is going to be your class,” she said. She started to open the door.

All of the pupils’ eyes were glued on Alex when he entered the room. As his new teacher introduced him to the class, they whispered among themselves.

Alex eventually sat down next to a boy called Michael. The first lesson of the day was a maths lesson, which was lucky as maths was his favourite subject. The other children were impressed by how quickly he was able to answer all of the questions.

At lunch time, Michael invited Alex to sit with his friends. They were all very funny and immediately made him feel like part of their group. At the start of the day, he had been very quiet, but now he couldn’t stop talking!

When the bell rang at the end of the day, he couldn’t believe how quickly the time had passed. He was having so much fun with his new friends. He didn’t want to go home just yet.

“Was everything okay?” his mother asked as he came to meet her in the playground.

“Yes!” Alex replied. “It was the best day ever!”



# Questions

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- 1 Why was Alex starting at a new school? (tick)

- ☐ He was finally old enough.  
☐ His mother got a job in the new school.  
☐ He had moved house.  
☐ He did not like his old school.

- 2 How was Alex feeling as he got ready for school? (tick)

- ☐ excited  
☐ shocked  
☐ hopeful  
☐ nervous

- 3 How far was the school from their new house?
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- 4 As Alex walked to school, what was the weather like?

Select the image that matches the weather. (tick)

- ☐   
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- 5 What was the name of Alex's teacher?
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- 6 Which part of the text shows that Ms Walker made Alex feel at ease? (tick)

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- ☐ Alex's fears quickly melted away.
- ☐ The teacher gave him a short tour of the school.
- ☐ "Hello Alex," she said. "We've been looking forward to meeting you!"

- 7 'All of the pupils' eyes were glued on Alex when he entered the room.'

What type of language device is used in the sentence above? (tick)

- ☐ simile
- ☐ personification
- ☐ alliteration
- ☐ metaphor

- 8 What was the name of the child that Alex sat next to?

- 9 Which part of the text shows that Michael and his friends were welcoming? (tick)

- ☐ He was having so much fun.
- ☐ They were all very funny.
- ☐ He didn't want to go home just yet.
- ☐ They immediately made him feel like part of their group.


- 10 How could the whole story of Alex's day be summarised? (tick)

- ☐ Alex was feeling confident that he would love his new school and he did.
- ☐ At first Alex was nervous, but he soon made friends and had a great first day.
- ☐ Alex misses his old friends and wants to go back to his old school.
- ☐ Alex started to feel more positive throughout the day but was relieved to go home.

Score:

# Answers

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- 1 Why was Alex starting at a new school? ☒ He had moved house.
- 2 How was Alex feeling as he got ready for school? ☒ nervous
- 3 How far was the school from their new house? 15 minutes
- 4 As Alex walked to school, what was the weather like? ☒ 
- 5 What was the name of Alex's teacher? Ms Walker
- 6 Which part of the text shows that Ms Walker made Alex feel at ease? ☒ Alex's fears quickly melted away.
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