

The Teacher's Pet

The children chatted excitedly on the carpet of their classroom. It was their first day back after the summer holiday. Miss Hepburn was giving each child two minutes to tell the rest of the class about one thing they did over the holiday. Some students had brought in pictures, others had objects to show, and some even had a video that they wanted to play.

Miss Hepburn was working her way down the register. It was almost Lacey's turn. She was getting more and more nervous and fidgety.

"Lacey, it is your turn now," Miss Hepburn said softly.

Lacey stood up. She felt her cheeks go red as she looked at everyone staring back at her. She wanted to speak, but couldn't. What if everyone just laughs at me? she thought to herself. What if no one finds what I have to say interesting and doesn't ask any questions? She looked over at Miss Hepburn who gave her a kind smile and a little nod.

Lacey took a deep breath and began. "I took my neighbour's dog, Archie, for a walk every day and played with him in the garden." The children were silent. Lacey looked at Miss Hepburn and then back at the other children.

"Did you want to show the video?" asked Miss Hepburn. Lacey nodded and was glad that the children's eyes were now on the screen and not on her. Lacey's video showed all the tricks that she had taught Archie over the summer.

After the video, hands started shooting up in the air. It seemed everyone in the class had a question that they were desperate to ask.



“Can Archie catch a ball, Lacey?” asked Milo.

“What is Archie’s favourite treat?” asked Anis.

“Can I take Archie for a walk with you during the next holiday?” asked Ciara.

Lacey felt very happy and relieved.

Just as she was about to sit down, Miss Hepburn had a quiet word in her ear. “Archie loves spending time with you. Thank you for taking such great care of him. Would you like to take him for another walk at the weekend?”

Lacey’s cheeks started to glow. “Yes please, Sally, I mean Miss Hepburn,” she whispered back. “I would love that.”



Questions

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1 What is the teacher's name?

2 How long did each child have to tell the class about what they had done over the holidays?

3 Why did Lacey's cheeks go red? ([tick](#))

- ☐ She jumped up and ran to the front of the class.
- ☐ She was feeling hot because it was a sunny day.
- ☐ She was feeling nervous as she stood up in front of everyone.
- ☐ She was really excited to stand up.

4 What did Miss Hepburn do to encourage Lacey? ([tick](#))

- ☐ She smiled and gave her a little nod.
- ☐ She answered all of her questions.
- ☐ She gave her a pat on the back.
- ☐ She told her to get on with it.

5 What was the name of the dog that Lacey was talking about?

- 6 How did Lacey feel when the children were looking at the video instead of her? (tick)

- ☐ nervous
☐ embarrassed
☐ happy
☐ relieved

- 7 Who asked the first question?
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- 8 Why was Lacey so happy and relieved when the other children had lots of questions to ask? (tick)

- ☐ Everyone was looking at her and she loved being the centre of attention.
☐ It showed that they were interested in what she was telling them.
☐ She knew all of the answers.
☐ She loved answering questions.

- 9 'Lacey's cheeks started to glow.'

What does this tell us about how Lacey was feeling? (tick)

- ☐ She was nervous.
☐ She was embarrassed.
☐ She was happy.
☐ She was hot.

- 10 What do we learn about Archie at the end of the story? (tick)

- ☐ He doesn't like going for walks.
☐ He is a loving dog.
☐ He can run extremely fast.
☐ He belongs to Miss Hepburn.

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Answers

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Miss Hepburn

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Two minutes

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Archie

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☒ relieved

7 Who asked the first question?

Milo

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