

## The Walk (list 1)

I go on a walk. I see the sun. I see a dog. I see a cat. The dog chases the cat. Oh no, run cat run!

The cat runs fast. The dog stops and sits down. I go home.



Who are the characters in the story?

Why did the cat run?

What do you think will happen next?

## We can play! (list 1)

I like to play. Do you like to play? I like to play tag. I like to play with tops. I like to play jump rope. I like to hop. But my mom likes to nap. Can we play?



What does the child like to play? What does mom like to do?

Who does the child play with?

How do you think the child feels? Have you ever felt like that?

## Me and Pat, Pat and me (list 1)

Pat is my friend. Pat is fun. Pat is tall. Pat can run. Pat and me play ball. We play ball a lot. I win. He wins. We have fun.



Who are the characters? What are they like?  
How would you feel if you were in the story?

## Big and Little (list 2)

I have a little hand. I have a little foot. I have a little nose. I have little legs. I have a big brain!

You have a big hand. You have a big foot. You have a big nose. You have big legs. You have a big brain too!



What things are big and little?  
Why do you have a big brain?

## The Store (list 2)

My dad is at the store. He will buy a pen for me. He will buy paper for me. He will buy a chair for me to sit on. My dad is nice.



What is the dad doing? What did he buy?

What do you think the child will do with the things from the store?

## Can you do it for me? (list 2)

My little sister always asks “Can you do it for me?” She has to make her bed. “Can you do it for me?” She has to pick up her toys. “Can you do it for me?” She has to walk the little dog. “Can you do it for me?” She has to eat cake. “I will do it for you!”



What does the sister need help with?

Why do you think the sister always asks for help?

What would you do if you were in the story?

### Sam's Birthday (list 3)

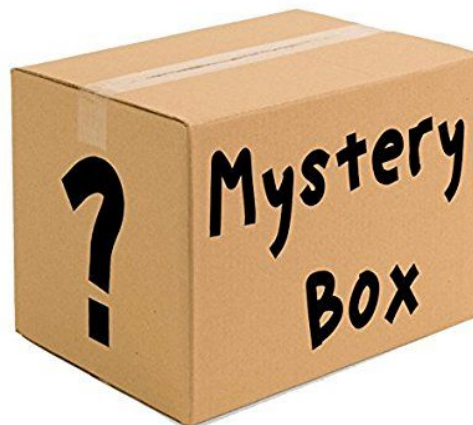
It will be Sam's birthday! He said he will be six years old. He said he will have a big piñata with a lot of candy. He said his yard is as big as a house. He said he will have a dinosaur! Sam said a lot of things.



Do you think Sam's birthday will be fun? Why or why not?  
What do you think will happen at Sam's birthday?

### This Box (list 3)

What do you think is in this box? Is it a box of candy? Or is it a box of books? Or is it a box of trucks? What can it be? I hope they can open it soon.



What does the child think is in the box? What do you think is in the box?  
Have you ever had to wait for something? How does that make you feel?



### **As Big As Me (list 3)**

My mom was as big as me. My dad was as big as me. My sister was as big as me. Then they all grew a lot! I will grow a lot too!



What or who is as big as you?

Do you wish you were bigger or smaller? Why?

Do you think your parents wish they were bigger or smaller? Why?

### **At the Playground (list 4)**

The playground is so fun! It is not far from my classroom but it feels that way. At the playground I am not a student but a kid! At the playground I am not quiet but loud! At the playground I can be all that I want to be- a pirate, a cop, or an astronaut. The playground is one of the best places!



Why does the child like the playground?

Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

### **All it Takes is One (list 4)**

One kid can do a lot. One kid can take trash from here to the trash can. One kid can sit by the kid that is all alone. One kid can ask “How can I help?” One kid can pick up all the toys. One kid can do all his work. One kid can be awesome!



What can one kid do?

What can you do to make your classroom or your home better?

### **New Girl (list 4)**

She is a new girl at school. She sits by me. She is kind but she is quiet. If I ask her how she is doing, she says “Good.” But I want her to say more. I say “Here is a pen.” She says “Thank you.” Not more. I think...Where is she from? How can I help her?



What do you think the author should do?

Why do you think the girl is so quiet?

### Lost Bat (list 5)

One day Ben was sad. "Hi Ben! What do you want?" I said.

"I lost my bat. It was a good bat. Come help me look please!" he said.

"Where?" I said. His bat was hard to find.

We looked in the bedroom. We looked in the bathroom. We looked up and down.

His bat was outside! What! "Here Ben. Your bat was where you left it." I said.

"Yay!" We are not sad.



What was the problem? What was the solution?

Have you ever lost something? How did you feel?

### Who's there? (list 5)

I was in bed. I heard a "whooo" outside. What is it? Who is it? Does it talk? No, it only says "whoooo." I look out.

It has feathers. It has two eyes. It has a beak.

Who is it? It's an owl!

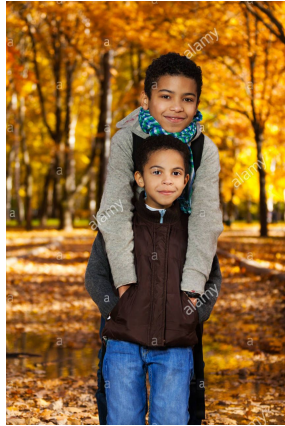


What would you do if you were in the story?

What clues helped you solve the mystery?

### **Tyrone, too (list 5)**

Taylor likes to go to the park. His brother Tyrone does too. Taylor likes to go with his mom to the store. Tyrone wants to go too. Taylor likes to help his dad cook. Tyrone helps too. Taylor has to go to the bathroom. Tyrone does too! Uh oh! There's one bathroom!



What do you predict will happen next?

How would you feel if you were Taylor? How would you feel if you were Tyrone?

### **Where is Shandra? (list 6)**

It was getting late. Seth's mom said "Where is your little sister Shandra? Is she with you?" Seth said "No, she was playing with her friend." Mom was worried. This is not good. Kids have to be home by dark. Mom went to go look for Shandra. Mom went to the park. She has to be here. But no, no Shandra. Mom went to the school. She has to be here. But no, no Shandra. Mom went to Shandra's friend's house. But no, no Shandra. Oh no! Where is she? What to do? Mom's cell phone rang. It was Shandra! "Hi mom, I'm at home. I was in the shower." Mom was so happy. She went home and gave Shandra a big hug.



What was the story about? Who were the characters?

What happened first, next, and last?

What would you do if you were the mom?



## Zoo Soon! (list 6)

We are going to the zoo next week! Mr. Carter said we have to pack lunch. I will bring an apple, a sandwich, and chips. Mr. Carter said we will go in groups. I want to be with my friends Chase, May, and Sam. They are fun. Mr. Carter said we have to write about what we see. I want to write about the monkeys. They are so funny. I hope we see a lot of monkeys. I am so excited for the zoo! I can not wait!



Have you ever been to the zoo? What did you do and what did you see?  
What will the author do at the zoo? What does he have to prepare?

## My School (list 7)

My school is a very good school. First, the principal is nice to everyone. It doesn't matter who you are, he is still nice. He says "What's up?," and "Good morning!" to everyone. Second, my school lets us move. We go out to play a lot. We get to jump and run and move our bodies. Our PE teacher makes us do pull-ups too. They are hard. Last, my school is where I see my friends. I have two very good friends. We all like to play cards and jump rope. I love my school!



What are the reasons the author loves her school?  
What do you think about your school? Why?

## Exercise (list 7)

Did you know that exercise is very good for you? It is good to move your body. You can jump, run, hop or skip. You can go up stairs or walk down town. All of it is good.

Maya likes to dance. Jose and Jon like to play baseball. Cameron likes to pull his sister in a wagon.

Did you know you can exercise alone too? A game does not have to have two kids. You can go outside and play hopscotch or jump rope. Just get out and move!

What do you like to do? Maybe I can come with you?



What is the story trying to persuade you to do? Did it persuade you?

Why is exercise important?

## Under the Sea (list 8)

I wish I could live under the sea! How fun that would be!

I could swim all day with the pretty fish. Then I could eat seaweed and try a lot of new food. I could live with three pretty mermaids or maybe with one nice shark. The shark could keep me safe. The mermaids could show me how to do my hair and use seaweed to make clothes. I want to live under the sea!



Why does the author want to live under the sea?

Would you want to live under the sea? Why or why not?

What would you do if you lived under the sea?

### **Call Again Later (list 8)**

Mrs. Shin was very busy. She had to clean the house, make dinner for her three kids, and help her kids with homework. Then the phone rang. Mrs. Shin did not have time to talk. “No, let it ring! I will call back later.” Mrs. Shin helped her kids with math. The phone rang again. “No, let it ring! I will call back later.” Mrs. Shin and her kids were eating a box of Mac n’ cheese. The phone rang again. “No, let it ring! I will call back later.” Mrs. Shin was mopping the floor. The phone rang again. “Ok. Hello! Who is it?” She said. “You have won a new car!” The man on the phone said. “What? I should have answered sooner.” Mrs. Shin and her three kids were excited for the new car!



What happened in the story? Who are the characters?

What would you have done if you were Mrs. Shin?

How do you think Mrs. Shin felt in the beginning of the story? How do you think she felt in the end of the story?

### **So Many Places to See! (list 9)**

There are so many places to see. If you go to the beach you can sit by the sand or swim in the water. If you go to the mountains you can walk on the trails and see many pretty green trees. If you go to the city you can see some tall buildings and eat some good food. But even if you stay home you can see pretty things not far from you. Look around you today. You will see people walking, kids playing, and people together and happy.



What is this story about?

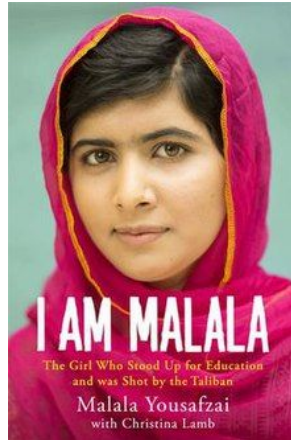
What is the moral of this story?

Where have you been? What places do you want to go?

## Now is the Time (list 9)

Many people think you have to be grown to do big things. That is not true. Why wait until you grow up? You can do big things now. What are your dreams? Anything you can do today for your dreams? Work together with other kids and you can do big things!

One kid who did big things was Malala. Girls in her country were not safe. Malala said it should not be that way. So she helped girls get together. Girls can now go to school and speak out. Malala did not wait until she was grown. She was brave!



What does being brave mean? When have you been brave?

What is the author teaching you?

What can you do today to be more brave?

## The Lion King (list 10)

Once upon a time long ago, Simba was a small cub. But he would grow up to be King of the land. As a cub, his dad Mufasa would carry him, but as an old lion Simba would carry all of the animals. After Mufasa gave his life for the people, Simba was so sad that he ran away for eight years. When he was done running, he came back to work as the leader. Simba had a hard job but he had Timon, Pumba, and Nala to help him. Soon all of the animals loved him. The End.



How did Simba feel in the beginning, middle, and end of the story?

How would you feel if you were Simba?



### **Class Pet (list 10)**

“Boys and girls, after you are done with your work, we can choose our new pet!”

It was an exciting day. Our teacher was going to buy us a class pet. How would we choose an animal? I wanted a hamster, but not every kid did. Some kids wanted a rabbit. One kid even wanted an old lobster. As we each wrote about what pet we wanted and why, our teacher read them. Then we took a vote. Guess what! Hamster won! So we will have a pet hamster soon.



How did the author feel in the beginning and end of the story? Why?  
What pet would you choose? Why?

### **Mexican Coyotes (list 11)**

Mexican Coyotes are small coyotes that live in the deserts of Mexico, California and Arizona. They weigh no more than 30 pounds. You might think their large ears help them listen, but really they help them keep cool in the warm desert. Mexican coyotes eat any food they can find. They will eat bugs, small animals, cactus or other plants. They usually live alone but can work into a pack if there is prey to be caught. Mexican Coyotes can live in hard places because they are adaptable.



What facts did you learn about Mexican Coyotes?  
Why do you think Mexican Coyotes can live in the desert?

## Wrong Shoes (list 11)

I could not find my other shoe! "I know I left it here somewhere!" I thought. I looked near the door, into the small closet, and all over the backyard. But it could not be found!

So I put on some blue shoes that were by the stairs and flew out the door. But it was hard to walk because the shoes kept falling off. All day long I listened to my shoes go "flop, flop, flop." They were too big!

When I got home, my mom said "Where are my shoes? This shoe is too small."

I started to laugh. "Mom, I wore your shoes and you wore mine because we have the same blue shoes." We laughed and laughed.



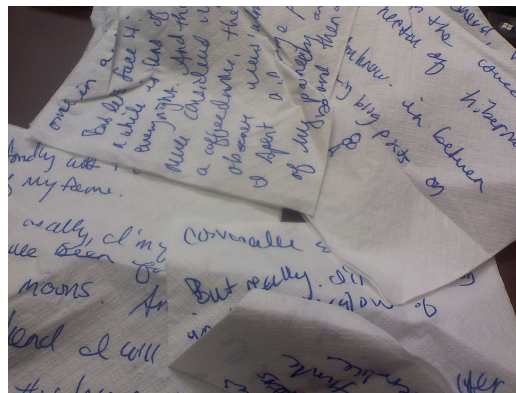
Retell the story. What happened in the beginning, middle and end?

Do you think the problem will happen again? Why or why not?

## JK Rowling (list 12)

Have you learned about JK Rowling? She is a great author. She wrote The Harry Potter books. She began poor but now is very rich. When she was poor she would write book ideas on napkins while on the train. Sometimes she would write for four hours as she rode on the train through many cities. Harry Potter has now sold a large number of copies. JK Rowling is now working on another book for adults.

Her life shows that with only a brain and a napkin you can make great things!



What facts did you learn?

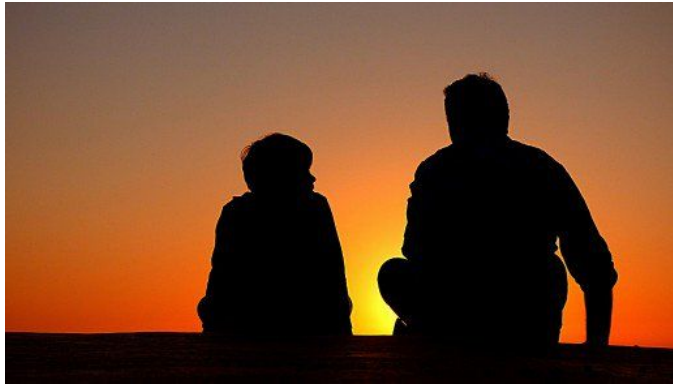
How would you describe JK Rowling?

What is the moral of the story?

## The Hike (list 12)

We began early in the morning. "I guess we better get going" my dad said. "We have a full day in front of us." So we got in the car and drove up to the mountains. As we came round yet another large hill, we stopped. "We're here!" Dad said.

We were the only people around because it was still so early. We put some food and water in our bags and started to climb up the hill. After four hours of climbing we sat down. "Look!" Dad said. And sure enough, there it was right there... the sun rising over the hills. Dad was right, it was beautiful. We ate our food until there was none left. It was a great morning but I was sure ready for a nap!



Who are the characters? What did they do?

Why did they leave so early? Did the boy think it was worth it?

## Eye Color (list 13)

Where do we get our eye color? That is a hard question to answer. It's not just a mix of your father and mother's eyes. If that were enough, then you and your brother would have the same color eyes. Instead both your mother and your father brought two pairs of genes on each chromosome. So there are many colors they can make.

Also early in life, your eye color can change. A lot of babies have blue eyes that move toward brown eyes as they grow.

Above all, eyes are amazing! No matter what color.



What facts did you learn?

Where do you think your eye color came from?

### What can money build? (list 13)

Many people thought money was the answer... oh, if they only knew that money can't buy you everything. Money will never be enough. Money can't build your family. Money can't buy you friends. Money is not the door towards peace. Even busy, wealthy people are sad. So build your life around more than money.

As Maya Angelou, a famous writer, said "We need much less than we think we need."



What was the lesson of this story?

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

What does Maya Angelou's quote mean?

### A Surprise for Mother (list 14)

The young children wanted to surprise their mother for her birthday tomorrow. The year before they had picked her favorite flowers. This year they wanted to do even more! "I wonder what mother wants..." the oldest child said. "Maybe she wants a new picture to hang in the front room" the next child said. "Or I heard she wants a cart she can push all of her paperwork in" the middle child said. "I think we should question her!" The baby said. "No, then it wouldn't be a surprise!" The oldest child said. "Hmm let's all wake up early and bake her a cake." The middle child said. "Great thinking!" The next day when the children brought the mom the wonderful chocolate cake she said "Thank you. I love it and I love you!"



Retell the story. What happened in the beginning, middle, and end?

What would you do if you were one of the children?

How do you think the mother felt?



## Komodo Dragon (list 14)

Have you ever heard of the Komodo dragon? It is the largest lizard. It can be up to 10 feet long and weigh 150 pounds! (Surprise! That is taller than your teacher!) They will eat almost anything in front of them, including deer, pigs, and even a few large water buffalo.

Do you wonder what can fight a Komodo dragon? Not many things...They are the king of their land. Only humans and other Komodo dragons can kill them. Don't worry though. Komodo dragons live in Indonesia and have never been able to hurt children. So you are safe!



What facts did you learn?

What do you like about Komodo dragons? What do you dislike?

