

True Friends

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Age

11

Genre

Realistic Fiction

Word Count

355 Words

Story at a Glance

Claire made a new friend on the bus on the way to school when she bonded over a popular band with her. Her name was Molly. Claire was supposed to go over to her friend Rosa's home after school, but changed her mind when she was invited to the mall by Molly. Rosa went home by herself. When Claire got home, she couldn't find her cat Sunflower and realized it was lost. Claire was devastated and could do nothing at that moment but wait for Sunflower to get back. Claire called Molly, but all she could talk about was the popular band. Claire dialed Rosa, who immediately came over to comfort and listen to Claire. Claire realized that though Rosa didn't know much about popular music, she knew a lot about what a true friend was. Rosa was a true friend.

Activity Ideas

After reading the story, *True Friends*, let's learn the new words in the story. And, dig deeper into the story!

Key Words

greet

to say "hello" or "hi" to

moment

a small amount of time

download

to take from the Internet to your computer

attractive

good looking

instead

in place of another

interrupt

to get in the way or stop by breaking in

Words Use

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

01 My neighbor _____ me on the street.

- ① greeted
- ② popular
- ③ downloaded

02 I _____ the program I needed for my computer.

- ① downloaded
- ② instead
- ③ greeted

03 My best friend _____ me to her birthday party.

- ① instead
- ② invited
- ③ downloaded

04 Many guys like her because they think that she is very

_____.

- ① exactly
- ② interrupted
- ③ attractive

05 I was talking on my cell phone when my mom _____ me and said it was time for dinner.

- ① realized
- ② instead
- ③ interrupted

Words Building

After reading *True Friends*, write the meaning of each word in your own words.

greet

moment

download

attractive

instead

interrupt

stretch

realize

Grammar

Write the past-tense form of the verb in each sentence in the typing box. Solve the sample question before you start.

<Sample>

Claire greeted her friend Rosa **on the bus**.

① how ② when ③ where

01 "Have you heard of Four Forever **before**?"

① how ② when ③ where

02 She knew **exactly** how to be a true friend.

① how ② when ③ where

03 She couldn't find her cat, Sunflower, **anywhere**.

① how ② when ③ where

04 She hugged Rosa **tightly**.

① how ② when ③ where

05 **A few minutes later**, Rosa showed up

① how ② when ③ where

Understanding #1

Select 'True' if the statement is correct and 'False' if the statement is not correct. If you choose 'False' as an answer, think about what the right answer is.

- 01 Sunflower was Claire's cat. T / F
- 02 Molly did not like Four Forever. T / F
- 03 Rosa had heard of Four Forever before. T / F
- 04 Claire, Molly, and Rosa went shopping at the mall. T / F

Understanding #2

01 What is the main idea of the story?

- ① Four Forever has the most attractive band members.
- ② A true friend is one who listens to you, not one who knows popular bands.
- ③ Molly and Claire love shopping at the mall.

02 Claire's cat's name was _____.

- ① Sunflower
- ② Sunburst
- ③ Daisy
- ④ Rosa

03 While Claire and Molly were shopping, Rosa _____.

- ① ate some ice cream
- ② took the bus home by herself
- ③ listened to Four Forever
- ④ showed up at Claire's house

04 Claire was worried about _____.

- ① her homework
- ② her missing cat
- ③ Rosa
- ④ shopping at the mall

Understanding #3

Choose the order of the pictures that shows what happened in the story.

A



B



C



D



① B-C-A-D

② C-A-D-B

③ A-D-B-C

④ D-B-C-A

Read the passage below and choose the matching picture.

A few minutes later, Rosa showed up at Claire's front door. She sat and listened to Claire as Claire told her how worried she was about her cat.

①



②



③



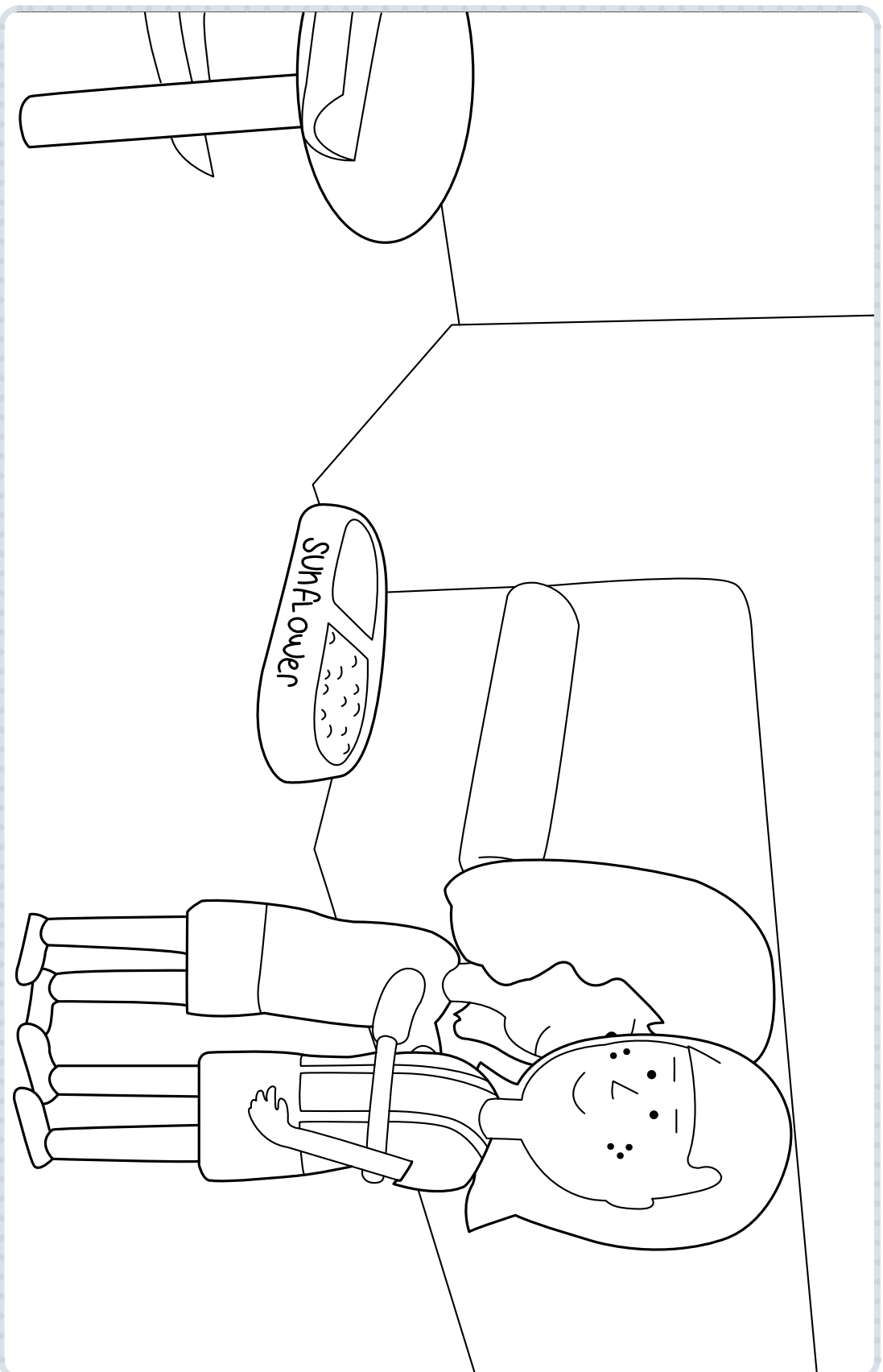
④



Coloring Sheet

📅 DATE:

👤 NAME:



Speaking Fluency

Speak about the picture out loud.



After school, Claire _____

_____.

but Molly _____

_____.

Claire changed her plans and

_____.



When she _____,

Rosa _____

_____.

At that moment, Claire

but she knew _____.

Critical Thinking

Think about the questions and express your ideas or opinions about them.

01 How did Claire realize that Rosa was a true friend, and not Molly?

02 Why did Claire abandon Rosa to go to the mall with Molly?

03 What lesson did Claire have to learn the hard way?

Writing

Write about the story on a separate piece of paper.

Title

Author



Can this story happen in real life?

Yes

No



This story is about

(a little boy and a dog, a scarecrow, an old tree, etc.)

Draw a picture about the story and write a sentence or two about the picture.

Making Your Own Story

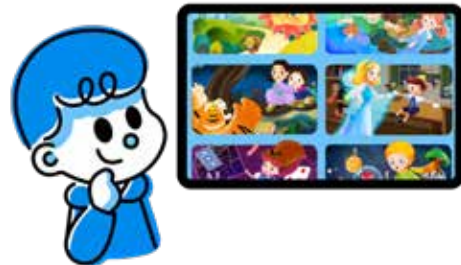


Download and make your own story in StorySelf.

Become a main character in the storybook



① Make your own face character in StorySelf.



② Choose *True Friends* story.



③ Choose your face character.



④ Enter the story and become the main character of the story.

Make your own voice storybook



① Enter the story, *True Friends*.



② Press the subtitle.



③ Record your voice for the subtitle.



④ Enjoy your voice in the storybook.

Answer Sheet

Words Use

- 1 - ①
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ②
- 4 - ③
- 5 - ③

Grammar

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ③
- 4 - ①
- 5 - ②

Understanding #1

- 1 - T
- 2 - F
- 3 - F
- 4 - F

Understanding #2

- 1 - ②
- 2 - ①
- 3 - ②
- 4 - ②

Understanding #3

- Top - ④
- Bottom - ①

Speaking Fluency

[Left]

After school, Claire was planning to go to Rosa's house, but Molly invited Claire to go to the mall instead. Claire changed her plans and went shopping with Molly while Rosa took the bus home by herself.

[Right]

When she was finished talking, Rosa stretched out her arms and gave Claire a hug. At that moment, Claire realized that Rosa might not know very much about popular bands, but she knew exactly how to be a true friend.

Critical Thinking

Possible Answer

1. Rosa was a true friend because she was there when Claire needed her most with an important issue that she was feeling sad and worried about.
2. Claire chose Molly over Rosa because she thought that since she and Molly had common music interests, they would have a better time together, even though she and Rosa have been friends longer.
3. The lesson Claire had to learn the hard way is that you shouldn't abandon the old for the new, because the old could end up being the more genuine thing. In the future, Claire will probably think more when she makes a new friend so that she will not lose her true friends.