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Daily Reading Drill

Date:

As you answer this week's questions, highlight your evidence in the text.

The Best Part

Rachel knew all the lines to the part of the Princess by heart. Mom had tested her all weekend.

"You have this," her Dad said, smiling. Even her little brother Adam clapped.

"Rachel is Pwincess."

"Princess," Dad corrected, passing Rachel the orange juice.

"Rachel Princess," Adam said. For a two year-old, that was high praise.

By audition time later at school, Rachel's stomach felt like it was full of a swarm of bees. Her try-out was next. She stood in the hallway outside the auditorium, clearing her throat over and over again.

"Break a leg," said her best friend Destiny, as she came out through the door. "I think I bombed. My voice came out all cheerful and high. Not scary and witch-like."

"I'm sure you did fine," said Rachel. Destiny wanted to be the Evil Sorceress. She'd been practicing a raspy voice for weeks.

The school stage had never seemed so big and empty before. Mrs. Paige and Mr. Benavidez were sitting in the front row. "You can begin," said Mr. Benavidez.

Rachel stood, knees knocking together. Her throat felt like it was squeezing shut.

She took a deep breath, and began, "What? I've never seen this kind of flower in the palace garden!"

The words came out low and croaky. She couldn't help it. Rachel laughed nervously. Her laughter sounded more like a cackle than the sweet, **melodic** giggle of Princess Lily.

"Maybe we both didn't do as bad as we think we did," Destiny said over lunch the next day. "Mrs. Paige says she'll post the cast list on her door at the end of the day."

Rachel dipped her soggy French fry in a puddle of ketchup, as if she could drown it.

"I'm so nervous," she admitted. "I don't feel like eating lunch."

"Well, I can." Destiny took a bite of a carrot dipped in hummus. "Yum, carrots give you courage. Besides, who wants to be the Evil Sorceress but me? Not you my pretty," Destiny added in her cackling voice. "Look, now that I don't need it, my voice came back."

When Mrs. Paige posted the list, a crowd of nervous fifth graders clustered at the door.

Rachel swallowed hard. "I can't look," she whispered to Destiny. "You look."

Destiny squeezed forward to get a good look at the list.

"Is this right, Mrs. Paige?" Destiny asked.

Rachel **maneuvered** herself to the front. Next to 'Princess Lily', she read the name Destiny Johnson. Next to 'Evil Sorceress', she read Rachel Gold.

"I'm the Evil Sorceress?" Rachel asked with surprise. "But I didn't read that part!"

"You two really mystified us," said Mrs. Paige. "But Mr. Benavidez and I agreed that while you read one part, your voices and acting were perfect for these roles. Destiny sounded like a sunny Princess, and you had a marvelous cackle."

"Rachel, I know you wanted to be the Princess," Destiny said. "Are you mad at me?"

"No way, my pretty." Rachel screeched to her best friend. "You'll make a great Princess Lily."

"I hope so," said Destiny. "I think I'm going to start eating carrots at breakfast, lunch and dinner."

"Me too," said Rachel. "There is one small problem with my part, though. My little brother could barely pronounce 'princess', and now he has to learn how to say 'Evil Sorceress'."

Monday	Tuesday
<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below.</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>	<p>Reread the story aloud to someone. Have the person you read to sign their name below.</p> <p>Listener _____</p>
<p>Where does this story mostly take place?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><i>“Rachel’s stomach felt like it was full of a swarm of bees.”</i> What does this sentence from the text tell you about Rachel?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Who is the main character in the story?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What part in the play did Rachel hope to get? Support your answer with evidence from the text.</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Determine the meaning of the word melodic in the story.</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Determine the meaning of the word maneuvered in the story.</p> <p>_____</p>
Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Reread the story aloud to someone. Have the person you read to sign their name below.</p> <p>Listener _____</p>	<p>Using a timer, see how long it takes you to read the entire story. Record your time below. Did your time improve?</p> <p>_____ minutes _____ seconds</p>
<p>What clues from the text told you that Rachel was nervous during her audition?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>How do you think Destiny felt when she first saw the list posted by Mrs. Paige?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>During lunch the next day, how are the feelings of Rachel and Destiny different?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Why does Destiny say she is going to start eating carrots more often?</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What evidence from the text helped you answer the question above?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>What evidence from the text helped you answer the question above?</p> <p>_____</p>

More of My Thinking

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Wednesday	Thursday

My Progress

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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