

READING COMPREHENSION

Fred and His Helping Hands

Fred loved to play, but he did not love to clean up. One sunny afternoon, Fred was building a tall tower out of blocks. His little sister, Lily, came into the room. She tripped over Fred's toy train. So her crayons went flying everywhere!



"Oh no!" cried Lily, her eyes welling up.

Fred looked at the colorful mess. He could keep building his tower, or he could help Lily. Fred knew what was right.

"It's okay, Lily," Fred said softly. He dropped his block and started picking up the bright red and blue crayons. Lily smiled and quickly started helping him. Just then, Mother walked in. She saw the two siblings working together.

"Thank you, Fred," she whispered, "for using your helping hands and making your sister happy!"

Fred's chest felt warm and fluttery. Helping Lily felt even better than finishing his block tower!

From that day on, Fred looked for ways to be helpful, and he always kept his toy train in its box.

Read the questions and circle the letter of best answer.

1. What did Fred love to do?
a. Take a nap b. Play c. Clean up his room
2. What did Fred's little sister, Lily, trip over?
a. A book b. A toy train c. A big rock
3. What went flying all over the floor when Lily tripped?
a. Cookies b. Blocks c. Crayons
4. What did Fred do when he saw the mess?
a. He started crying.
b. Kept playing with blocks.
c. He stopped playing and helped pick up the crayons.
5. What did Mother say Fred used to help his sister?
a. His smart mind
b. His singing voice
c. His helping hands
6. How did helping Lily make Fred feel?
a. cold and angry b. warm and fluttery c. silly and lonely
7. What is warm and fluttery mean?
a. sad b. mad c. happy