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The Art-Class Test

Read the story carefully. Then answer Questions 1-10.

Elliana and Ari liked art class because they could paint, cut paper, and make strange creatures from clay. Before school, Vanessa reminded them, "Use respectful words, listen the first time, and remember that your teacher is in charge of the classroom." The twins nodded. At that moment, the rules seemed easy.

During class, the students began making paper monsters. Ari gave his monster three green eyes and crooked purple teeth. Elliana decided it needed a ridiculous name. She leaned toward Ari and whispered, "Say poop. Say it loudly." Ari tried not to laugh. Their teacher, Mrs. Rivera, heard the giggling and said, "Please stop using bathroom words and return to your projects."

For a moment, Ari obeyed. Then Elliana whispered the word again and pointed at his monster. She wanted him to say it because she thought the class would laugh. Ari knew Mom had already told them to use respectful words, and the teacher had just told them to stop. Still, he shouted the word. Several children laughed, but Mrs. Rivera did not. She moved the twins to separate tables and told them they would need to explain their choices after class.

Elliana felt annoyed. She had wanted Ari to be funny, and he had done what she asked. Then she remembered something Mom often said: wanting something does not make it more important than a parent's rule or a teacher's direction. Elliana's wish for Ari to say a silly word did not outrank Mom's authority. It also did not cancel Mrs. Rivera's clear request to stop.

After class, Mrs. Rivera asked what had happened. Ari admitted that he chose to shout after being told not to. Elliana admitted that she kept encouraging him. Neither blamed the other. Mrs. Rivera explained that life gives people small tests every day. A test may be whether you follow a direction when disobeying seems funny, whether you stop when an adult says stop, or whether you help someone make a good choice instead of a poor one.

The twins apologized and helped straighten the art tables. The next day, another student tried to start the same joke. Elliana looked at Ari and quietly said, "This is one of those tests." Ari nodded, returned to his painting, and asked the student to stop. Their paper monsters were still silly, but the twins proved that they could be silly without being disrespectful.

Reading focus: details, sequence, inference, vocabulary, responsibility, and main idea

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Comprehension Questions

Circle the best answer. Questions 1-10

1. What did Vanessa remind the twins before school?

- A. To finish art quickly
- B. To use respectful words and listen
- C. To make everyone laugh
- D. To sit at separate tables

6. What did Elliana realize about what she wanted?

- A. It was more important than every rule
- B. It did not outrank Mom or the teacher
- C. Ari always had to obey her
- D. It could not affect anyone else

2. What were the students making?

- A. Paper monsters
- B. Model boats
- C. Birthday cards
- D. Clay dogs

7. How did the twins respond after class?

- A. They blamed each other
- B. They ran away
- C. They admitted their own choices
- D. They refused to speak

3. What did Elliana encourage Ari to say?

- A. The teacher's name
- B. A bathroom word
- C. The answer to a math problem
- D. A song lyric

8. What kind of tests did Mrs. Rivera describe?

- A. Only school quizzes
- B. Everyday choices between right and wrong
- C. Tests about painting skills
- D. Competitions between twins

4. What did Mrs. Rivera first ask them to do?

- A. Leave the classroom
- B. Throw away their art
- C. Stop and return to their projects
- D. Call Vanessa

9. What does authority mean in the story?

- A. The right to guide and give directions
- B. A silly joke
- C. A type of art supply
- D. The loudest voice in the room

5. Why did Ari shout the word anyway?

- A. He did not hear the teacher
- B. He thought the class would laugh
- C. It was written on the board
- D. Mrs. Rivera asked him to

10. Which sentence best states the lesson?

- A. Being funny is always most important
- B. Rules disappear when friends laugh
- C. Good choices require listening and self-control
- D. Art class should be completely quiet

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Lesson 3 Answers

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| 1. B - To use respectful words and listen | 6. B - It did not outrank Mom or the teacher |
| 2. A - Paper monsters | 7. C - They admitted their own choices |
| 3. B - A bathroom word | 8. B - Everyday choices between right and wrong |
| 4. C - Stop and return to their projects | 9. A - The right to guide and give directions |
| 5. B - He thought the class would laugh | 10. C - Good choices require listening and self-control |

Strong readers return to the story to check their evidence.