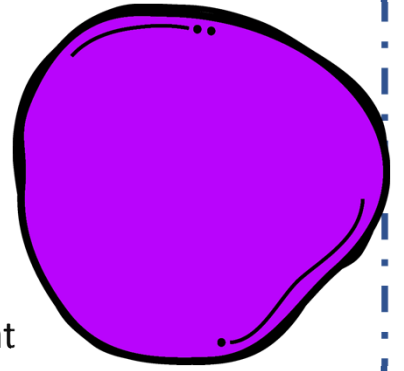


Purple Jelly!



One sunny day, Mrs. Green's third-grade class was having an outdoor picnic. Everyone was excited, especially Ben, who brought his favorite snack - a big, wobbly, purple jelly! As they sat on the grass, Ben couldn't wait. He opened his jelly and just like that, splat! It slipped from his hands and landed on his head! The jelly wiggled on top of Ben like a squishy hat. Everyone giggled, and Ben's face turned as purple as the jelly.

But wait, it gets funnier! When Ben tried to get the jelly off, it bounced from his head to his teacher's chair. Mrs. Green didn't see it and plop! She sat right on the purple jelly. Now, she had a jelly cushion!

The class laughed louder, and even Mrs. Green chuckled when she stood up with a big purple jelly print on her white colored pants. She looked like she had a purple jelly tail!

Then, the jelly had one more trick. It slid off Mrs. Green's chair and onto the ground, where a puppy saw it and thought, "Yum!" The puppy chased the jelly as it wobbled away, and the whole class ran after them, laughing all the way.

In the end, the puppy caught the jelly and gave it a big, happy lick. Ben wasn't sad about losing his snack because he made the whole class laugh. And from that day on, Ben was known as 'Jelly Ben,' the boy with the funniest picnic story ever!

1. Read the passage about "Purple Jelly!"
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What was the event Mrs. Green's class was having?**
 - a. recess
 - b. picnic
 - c. party

- 2. Where did Ben's jelly land when he opened it?**
 - a. Ben's head
 - b. on the ground
 - c. Mrs. Green's chair

- 3. What was Mrs. Green's reaction when she sat on the jelly?**
 - a. she was mad
 - b. she chuckled
 - c. she was upset

- 4. Where did the jelly go after it slipped off Mrs. Green's chair?**
 - a. floor
 - b. ground
 - c. on the dog

- 5. What was Ben known for after the jelly incident?**
 - a. lots of laughs
 - b. Jelly Ben
 - c. Funny Ben

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Why do you think Ben wasn't sad about losing his jelly snack?
 2. What lessons about sharing and laughter can be made about this story?
 3. How did the jelly incident create a sense of community in the class?
 4. Describe what the jelly would have looked like on Ben's head.
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- What would you include for a part 2 of this story?
 - What kind of teacher do you think Mrs. Green is based on her reaction to the jelly incident?
 - Describe a time when you were on a picnic.
 - What was your favorite part of the story and why?
 - Could this story be real? Why or why not?