

# The New Cell Phone



Jenson was walking to his school with his new cell phone. He was very excited to show it off to his friends. However, on his way to school, he accidentally dropped his phone and it fell into a deep hole. Jenson was very upset because he had saved his allowance for months to buy that phone. He tried to reach the phone by stretching his arms, but it was too deep. He thought his phone was lost forever. Jenson went to school without his phone and was very upset. During his class, he couldn't concentrate because he kept thinking about his lost phone. His teacher noticed that he was upset and asked him what was wrong. Jenson told his teacher the whole story about his lost phone. His teacher understood his problem and decided to help him. After class, Jenson and his teacher went to the spot where he had lost his phone. They found the hole and tried to look for the phone. It was very deep, and they couldn't see anything. However, his teacher had an idea. She called the school custodian and asked for a long stick with a hook at the end. The custodian arrived with the stick, and they used it to fish for the phone. After a few attempts, they finally got hold of the phone. It was covered in dirt, but it was still working. Jenson was overjoyed to have his phone back. He thanked his teacher and the custodian for their help. The next day, Jenson went to school and showed his phone to his friends. They were amazed at how clean and new it looked. Jenson told them the whole story about how his teacher and the custodian had helped him find his phone. From that day on, Jenson took better care of his phone and made sure he never dropped it again. He also learned that it's always good to ask for help when you're in trouble. In the end, Jenson realized that sometimes bad things can happen, but there are always people around to help you. He felt grateful for the people who had helped him and knew that he could always count on them if he needed anything in the future.

1. Read the passage and underline any word or sentence you struggled with.
2. Answer the questions on the following page.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Where did Jenson drop his cell phone?**
  - a. deep hole
  - b. ditch
  - c. in the sewer
  
- 2. What did Jenson save in order to buy his phone?**
  - a. money for his chores
  - b. his pay
  - c. allowance
  
- 3. Why couldn't Jenson concentrate at school?**
  - a. He thought someone would take the phone
  - b. He was worried he would be in trouble
  - c. He kept thinking about his lost phone
  
- 4. Who did Jenson's teacher call to help?**
  - a. another teacher
  - b. the principal
  - c. the custodian
  
- 5. What did Jenson learn from his experience?**
  - a. it's always good to ask for help
  - b. the teacher is always there for you
  - c. bad things turn to good things

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Explain using 3 feeling words how Jenson would have felt after dropping his phone.
  2. Explain when you have done something similar to what Jenson did and describe how it made you feel.
  3. In 2-3 sentences, summarize what this passage is about.
  4. What images go through your mind as read The New Cell Phone.
- Why is it sometimes better to ask for help than try to solve a problem on your own?
  - What would Jenson have learned from this experience?
  - Why is feeling grateful important?
  - Who would you thank if your were Jenson and why?
  - Tell about a time that you were grateful.