

Back to School



Today is the first day of school after the summer holidays! The sun is up, and kids wear their new backpacks. They are excited!

Some have shiny shoes, and others have new, nice backpacks. In the classroom, friends get together. “Hi!” they say. They share stories about summer fun and everyone is all smiles.

Mrs. Brown is the teacher. She welcomes the class. “Let’s learn together,” she says. The walls have numbers and letters. The kids open their books. They read about animals, planets, and more. Learning is fun! They raise their hands to answer questions. Outside, there’s a big playground. Swings, slides, and laughter fill the air. Kids run and play tag. Recess is the best! Lunchboxes open. Peanut butter sandwiches, apples, and juice. Yum! Friends sit together and chat. Crayons and paper await. Kids draw houses, trees, and rainbows. Art is like magic! The bell rings. It’s time to go home. “See you tomorrow!” they say. The first day was great! Remember, second grade is full of adventures. Learning, playing, and making friends—it’s a fantastic year!

1. Read the passage about ‘Back to School’
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What are the kids wearing?**
 - a. backpacks
 - b. hats
 - c. coats

- 2. What kind of shoes do some of the kids have?**
 - a. new
 - b. running
 - c. shiny

- 3. What do the kids share stories about?**
 - a. friends
 - b. school
 - c. summer

- 4. What is the teacher's name?**
 - a. Mrs. Cooper
 - b. Mrs. Brown
 - c. Mrs. Bate

- 5. Second grade is full of:**
 - a. adventures
 - b. fun
 - c. friends

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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 is this reading passage called 'Back to School?'
 2. How do you think the kids feel about their first day back to school?
 3. Do you feel the same as these kids or different? Explain.
 4. Write a description about what recess might look like.
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- Do you think the kids like their teacher? Why or why not?
 - What is your favorite part of the first day back after the holidays?
 - Could this story be real? Why or why not.
 - Why should everyone be kind at school?
 - What do you like to do a recess on the first day back to school?
 - What types of lunches to you like to bring to school?
 - Can you think of another title for this reading passage?