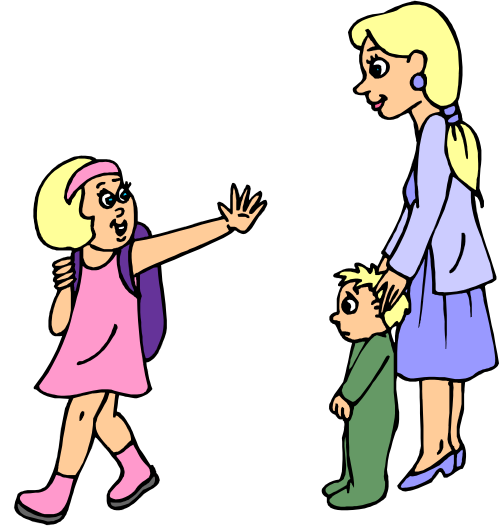


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Amy had been excited all summer long. She was going to school for the very first time. She would be in first grade, and this is why she was excited. Mommy had taken her shopping for new clothes. She got a new pink backpack and new shoes that sparkled. They bought paper, pencils, glue, and crayons. They bought so much that Amy wondered how she would carry it all!



Then, when it was time to go to school, Amy felt butterflies in her tummy. She felt afraid. “What if the kids will not play with me? What if the teacher is mean?” she wondered. Amy was afraid the teacher would ask her things she would not know how to answer. Amy’s mother said all the kids have feelings like this when they go to school for the first time. “When you go to school you will really like it. You will meet lots of new friends and learn many new things,” her mom told her. “When you get to school, find another little girl who looks scared, and try to help her to feel better. If you do that,” her mother said, “you will feel happy because you helped someone else.”

This is just what Amy did. When her mother dropped her off at school and she felt all alone, she looked around and found another little girl who felt the same way. They became friends. Amy found out that she loved school. She loved her teacher and she loved to learn new things!

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 - C. She was going to school for the very first time.
 - D. It was her birthday.

2. What did her mother buy when they went shopping?
 - A. A lunchbox.
 - B. Groceries
 - C. A puppy.
 - D. New clothes and school supplies.

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 - C. She was afraid she would not know how to answer questions.
 - D. All the above.

4. What did Amy's mother tell Amy to do when she gets to school?
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 - B. Be friendly to another girl who is scared.
 - C. Don't feel scared, it is silly.
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