

The Big Test

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: Prefixes 'un-', 're-', 'non-', 'mis-'

WARM-UP WORDS* could only scared about

DECODABLE PASSAGE

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"This is unfair!" Ben said. "How can I take the test with a nonworking pencil?"	66
His teacher, Miss Lee, saw that Ben looked sad. She came to help him.	80
"What's wrong, Ben?" she asked.	85
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Miss Lee smiled. "Don't worry. You can use one of mine." She gave Ben a new, sharp pencil.	123
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Miss Lee came to look. "Oh my! You're right, Ben. The printer made a mistake. Let me reprint the test for the class."	186
While they waited, Ben's friend Jay came to sit by him.	197
"I'm scared about this test," Jay said. "I didn't study much. I feel unprepared."	211
"Don't worry," Ben said. "We can review the math facts while we wait. That might help you feel more ready."	231
Ben and Jay worked through some quick math facts. Soon Jay felt more sure of himself.	247
When Miss Lee came back with the new test, both boys felt ready. They took the test and did their best work.	269
At the end of the day, Miss Lee gave back the tests. Ben got a good grade! Jay did well too.	290
"Thanks for your help," Jay said to Ben. "You helped me review when I felt lost."	306
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*Key for Warm-up Words: **Dolch words aligned to the focus pattern** |  Heart Words

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Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY

dull, unfair, unprepared, reprint, review, nonworking, misplaced, mistake

QUESTIONS

Why was Ben upset?

What was the problem with the test?

How did Ben help Jay?

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