

Carla and Summer do Homework
(Pirate R + Dips, Pals, Tapper E, Open & Closed syllables)

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2. One day, at the start of class, Miss Lerner gave each of the children a bit of paper. Then she began to tell the children what to do with the paper.
3. "Draw a hat," she said.
4. While the children drew, Miss Lerner started to make marks on the board. She put three numbers and three words on the board.
5. "Look at the board," she said. "Think about these words and numbers. Remember them."
6. After a few moments, Miss Lerner erased the board.
7. After that, Miss Lerner did not talk about the hat pictures or the words and numbers she put on the board. She talked about math. She talked about history. She talked about many things. But she did not talk about what she had put on the board.
8. At the end of the school day, Miss Lerner said, "Now, children. Take the bit of paper with the hat picture on it home. On the same bit of paper, put down the words and numbers I put on the board. Do this for homework." Then the children began to go home from school.
9. As Carla and Summer walked home from school, they talked about the homework Miss Lerner gave them.
10. Carla said, "I am not a happy girl. How in the world will I remember all of those numbers and words?"

11. "I can help," Summer said. "I made up a good way to help remember words and numbers."

12. The girls went to Summer's home to do the homework together. "Do you remember any of the words?" Carla asked.

13. "Yes," said Summer. "The words are 'man,' 'sad,' and 'car.'"

14. "Wow!" Carla said. "Was it hard to remember those words?"

15. "It was easy," Summer said. "I make pictures in my brain to help me remember."

16. Then Summer began to tell Carla how she used pictures to remember the words Miss Lerner put on the board. The hat she drew on her bit of paper was part of her plan.

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18. "That is a good way to remember words!" Carla said.

19. "Do you remember the numbers Miss Lerner gave us, too?" Carla asked.

20. "Yes," Summer said. "The numbers are three, five, and six."

21. "Wow! Was it hard to remember them?" Carla asked.

22. "Not at all," Summer said. "I used the same picture I made in my brain."

23. "How?" Carla asked.

24. "Well, in my brain picture, the car had only three tires. That's how I remembered the number three," Summer said.

25. “The car had a big number five painted on the side like a race car. That’s how I remembered the number five. And the car had six dogs inside. That’s how I remembered the number six. With brain pictures, it is easy to remember words and numbers,” Summer said.

26. “I can see that,” Carla said.

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1. a
2. about
3. after
4. all
5. also
6. always
7. am
8. and
9. any
10. are
11. as
12. asked
13. at
14. began
15. big
16. bit
17. board
18. brain
19. but
20. can
21. car
22. Carla
23. children
24. class
25. classmates
26. day
27. did
28. do
29. dogs
30. down
31. draw
32. drew
33. each
34. easy
35. end
36. erased
37. face
38. felt
39. few

40. five
41. for
42. from
43. gave
44. girl
45. girls
46. go
47. good
48. had
49. happy
50. hard
51. hat
52. he
53. help
54. her
55. his
56. history
57. home
58. homework
59. how
60. I
61. in
62. inside
63. is
64. it
65. Lerner
66. like
67. look
68. made
69. make
70. man
71. many
72. marks
73. math
74. me
75. Miss
76. moments
77. my
78. new
79. nice
80. not

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| 81. | now | 123. | then |
| 82. | number | 124. | these |
| 83. | numbers | 125. | they |
| 84. | of | 126. | things |
| 85. | on | 127. | think |
| 86. | one | 128. | this |
| 87. | only | 129. | those |
| 88. | or | 130. | three |
| 89. | painted | 131. | tires |
| 90. | paper | 132. | to |
| 91. | part | 133. | together |
| 92. | picture | 134. | too |
| 93. | pictures | 135. | up |
| 94. | plan | 136. | us |
| 95. | put | 137. | used |
| 96. | race | 138. | walked |
| 97. | remember | 139. | was |
| 98. | remembered | 140. | way |
| 99. | sad | 141. | well |
| 100. | said | 142. | went |
| 101. | same | 143. | were |
| 102. | sat | 144. | what |
| 103. | school | 145. | when |
| 104. | see | 146. | while |
| 105. | she | 147. | will |
| 106. | side | 148. | with |
| 107. | six | 149. | words |
| 108. | some-times | 150. | work |
| 109. | start | 151. | world |
| 110. | started | 152. | wow |
| 111. | Summer | 153. | yes |
| 112. | Summer's | 154. | you |
| 113. | take | | |
| 114. | talk | | |
| 115. | talked | | |
| 116. | teacher | | |
| 117. | tell | | |
| 118. | thanks | | |
| 119. | that | | |
| 120. | that's | | |
| 121. | the | | |
| 122. | them | | |