Max's Good Habit

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Every morning at Max's house was the same. "Where are my shoes?" Max yelled. "Has anyone seen my backpack? Where is my library book?"

Max ran from room to room, searching under the couch and behind the laundry basket. Most days, he found everything just in time. Some days he didn't, and he missed the bus.

One Monday, Max missed the bus because his sneaker was hiding in the dog's bed. That was the day he forgot his library book too, so he couldn't take out a new one. Max felt grumpy all day.

That evening, Dad sat down with him. "I think you need a new habit," Dad said. "A habit is something you do so often that you don't even have to think about it."

Together, they put a hook by the front door for Max's backpack and a small shelf for his shoes. Max made a checklist with pictures: backpack, shoes, lunch, library book. He taped it to the door.

Every night before bed, Max followed the checklist. At first he had to remind himself. After two weeks, he did it without thinking.

Now, mornings at Max's house are calm. Max eats his breakfast slowly and even has time to play with the dog before the bus comes. "Good habits are like magic," he tells his little sister.

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1. Check your understanding

Circle the best answer.

1. What was Max's problem?

(a) He couldn't find his things in the morning.
(b) He didn't like school.
(c) He had no friends.

2. Where was Max's sneaker hiding on Monday?

(a) Under the couch
(b) In the dog's bed
(c) In the laundry basket

3. What is a habit?

(a) Something you do so often you don't have to think about it
(b) A kind of clothing
(c) A rule at school

4. How long did it take for the habit to become easy?

(a) Two days
(b) Two weeks
(c) Two years

2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **What happened because Max could not find his things?**
   He sometimes missed the bus, and one day he forgot his library book and could not take out a new one.
2. **Describe the plan Max and Dad made.**
   They put a hook by the door for his backpack, a shelf for his shoes, and made a picture checklist to follow every night.
3. **What lesson does Max learn? Do you agree?**
   Max learns that good habits make life easier. I agree, because doing something every day makes it automatic.