

Lesson 11 What Is a Story?

Now that you are in second grade, you have already read lots of stories. You might even have written some stories. What is a story?

A story tells about people or animals. They are the **characters** in the story.

A good story is **fun** for the reader to read.

A story has a **beginning**, a **middle**, and an **end**.

A good story has **describing words** that tell about the characters, where the story takes place, and what happens.

Read this story. Think about what happens at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end.

A Day with Dad

Today is Saturday. Sue's mom has a meeting. So, Sue and Dad will spend the day together. Sue wonders what they will do.

First, Dad washes the dishes. Sue watches because she cannot reach. Then, Dad cleans the blue rug. Sue watches because the machine is too big. After that, Dad washes dirty windows. Sue watches because the windows are too high.

By lunchtime, Dad is worn out from working. Sue is worn out from watching. What can Sue do? Then, she has a great idea. Sue invites Dad to her room for lunch. Dad can just fit on Sue's little chair. And Sue can reach everything. It is the best lunch ever.



Go back and read the story again. Can you find the ending of the story? Circle it.

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Answer these questions about "A Day with Dad." Look back at the story on page 33 if you need to.

Who are the characters in the story?

What happens at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the story?

Beginning

Middle

End

How does the writer describe the rug and windows? Find these and other describing words. List them here.
