

# Trevor's Family Vacation

## Reading Comprehension Lessons

(General lesson plan for all reading passages and comprehension activities)

### Learning Objectives:

Students will read a story (in a group or independently) and complete comprehension activities.

### Materials & Preparation:

- Story Passage (included)
- Comprehension questions (included)
- Story sequencing (included)
- Story map blank template (included)
- Scissors & glue

### Instruction

- Introduce the title of the story. Have students make predictions on what they think the story will be about. What do they think will happen? What kind of story do they think this will be?
- Read the story passage (project it to class or this can also be done as an individual assignment)
- Go over key points as a class: beginning, middle, and end; what happened; key events, etc.

### Independent Working Time:

- Comprehension questions
- Story sequencing
- Story Map (students who have difficulty writing, perhaps can draw pictures or dictate answers for an adult to write them down)

### Wrap up/Closing:

- Review answers to the comprehension questions as a class (more of a let's see what everyone thought), see how students replied and get a feel for where your students are. This will also help you for future instruction and skills you might want to focus on with individual students.

### **Other Ideas for Activities:**

- Your library has a plethora of great resources, and leveled books (look where ESOL classes look) that you can use for comprehension. This can be done as a class or individually. It's easy to create a few questions to go with a book, or you can always ask students to fill out the 'story map' template for any book they read. You could also ask students to write 3-5 sentences about the book, or even draw a picture of what happened.

## Trevor's Family Vacation

Trevor and his family are about to go on vacation. They are going to the beach! First, Trevor has to start packing right away. After he packs, they have to drive to the gas station to fill up the tank. On Sunday, they are on the way to the beach! It is always so much fun because it is a big family reunion. Trevor's cousins, aunts, and uncles come in from many different states. They rent a huge house so that everyone can stay in and spend time together all week. Trevor's favorite part of vacation is building sand castles on the beach. He also loves hanging out with his cousins and eating great food.

Each day, different people make dinner. On Monday, their aunt is going to make pizza for dinner. On Tuesday, grandma will make chicken noodle soup. On Wednesday, their cousins are making turkey sandwiches. On Thursday, it is Trevor's turn to make dinner with his family. His parents decided they would make spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. Trevor said he would help make the garlic bread. It is his specialty. He cuts the bread, spreads butter on it, and then sprinkles garlic salt on the bread. He puts it in the oven and a few minutes later, his garlic bread is done!!! Friday is their last day, so everyone usually eats at a restaurant on the way home.

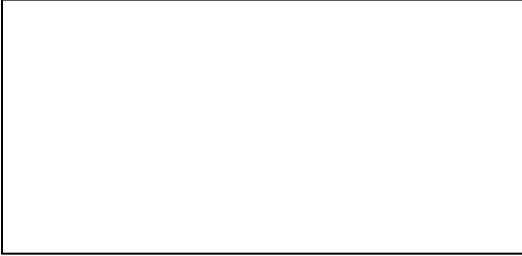
Trevor always gets sad at the end of the trip. He likes seeing his family for the week and saying goodbye is hard. He only gets to see his cousins once a year at the beach. They promise to talk to one another after vacation is over. They can write emails or send text messages.

This year, they get a special treat. They will be able to see each other during winter break and spend the holidays together. Trevor heard his parents on the phone talking to his aunt and uncle about it. He is so excited. Trevor can't wait!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out the words on the next page and glue the events in the order they will happen.

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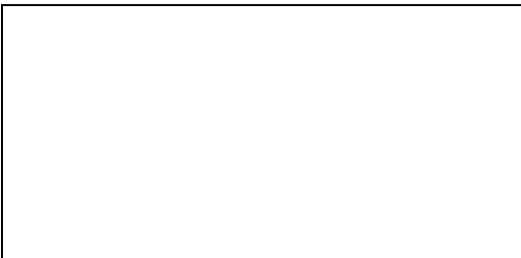
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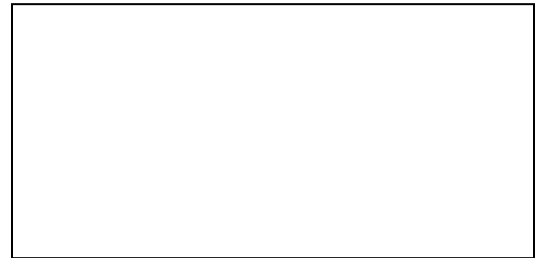
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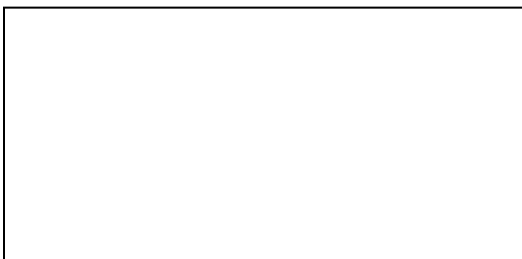
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On Thursday, Trevor's family will make spaghetti.

On Monday, their aunt will make pizza.

Trevor's family will leave for vacation.

On Friday, everyone will eat dinner at a restaurant.

On Tuesday, grandma will make chicken noodle soup.

On Wednesday, their cousins will make turkey sandwiches.

First, Trevor has to start packing.

On Friday, everyone will go home after dinner.

They will get together again during winter break.

They have to get gas for the car.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions about Trevor's Family Vacation.

1. Has Trevor's family vacation already happened?
  - a. YES
  - b. NO
  
2. What does the family need to do before they leave for the beach?
  - a. Take a nap
  - b. Get some gas
  - c. Go buy some shoes
  
3. What day are they leaving for the beach?
  - a. Sunday
  - b. Tuesday
  - c. Thursday
  
4. What day is grandma making chicken noodle soup for dinner?
  - a. Sunday
  - b. Tuesday
  - c. Thursday
  
5. What is Trevor's favorite thing to do at the beach?
  - a. Playing mini golf
  - b. Going to the arcade
  - c. Building sand castles
  
6. What is Trevor's family making for dinner on Thursday?
  - a. Meatball subs
  - b. Macaroni and cheese
  - c. Spaghetti with salad and garlic bread
  
7. What day is vacation over?
  - a. Friday
  - b. Monday
  - c. Never

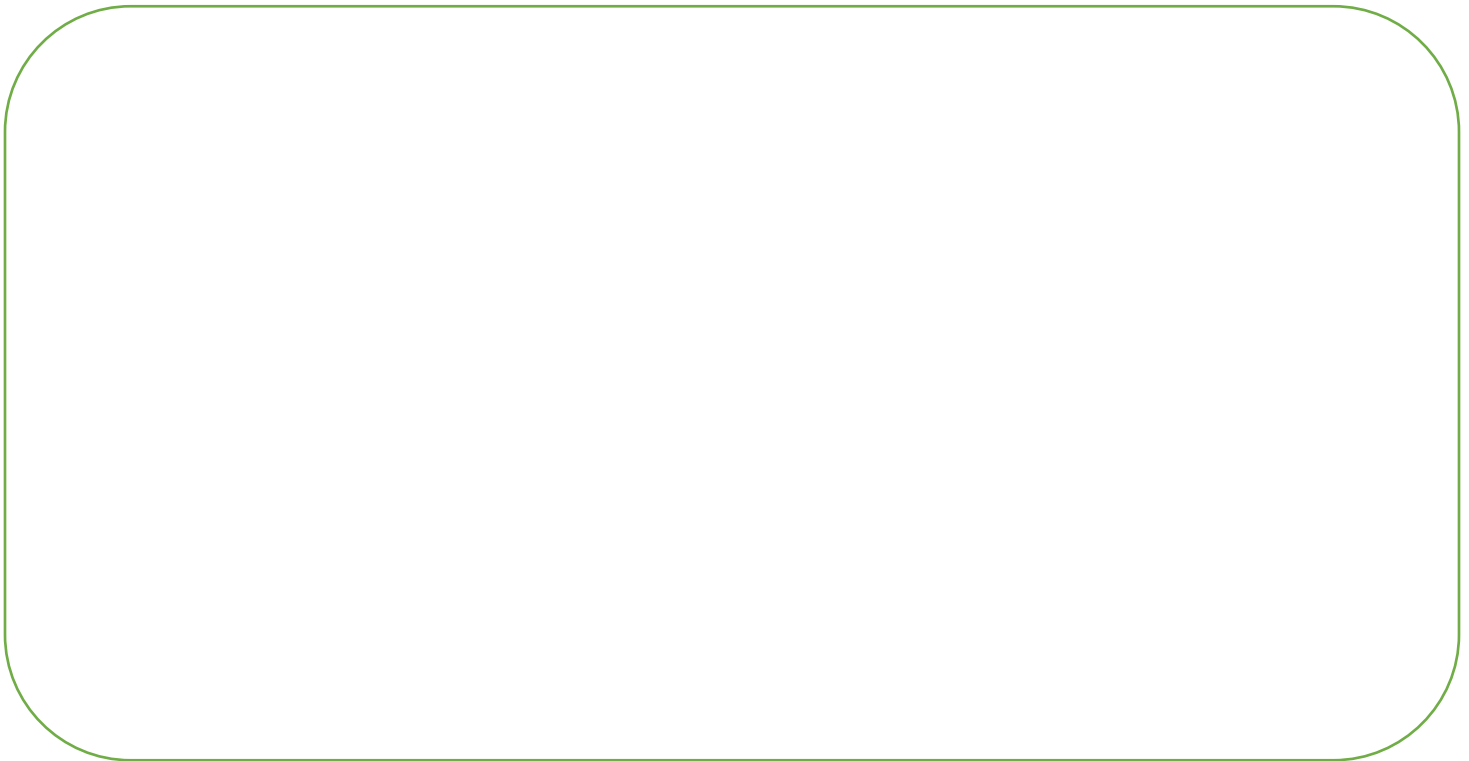
8. When will the family see one another again?

- a. Next summer at the beach
- b. During winter break for the holidays
- c. At Disneyland

9. What is the worst part of vacation for Trevor?

- a. The food
- b. Finding seashells on the beach
- c. Saying goodbye at the end

10. Draw a picture of Trevor's Family Vacation.



**Score:** \_\_\_\_/10 = \_\_\_\_%

# Story Map

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_


**Setting:** Where does the story take place?

**Characters:** Who is in this story?

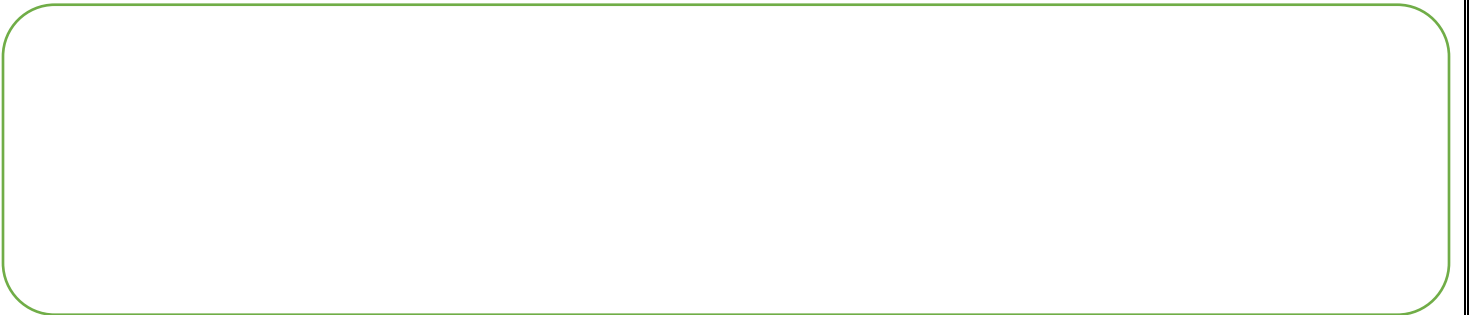
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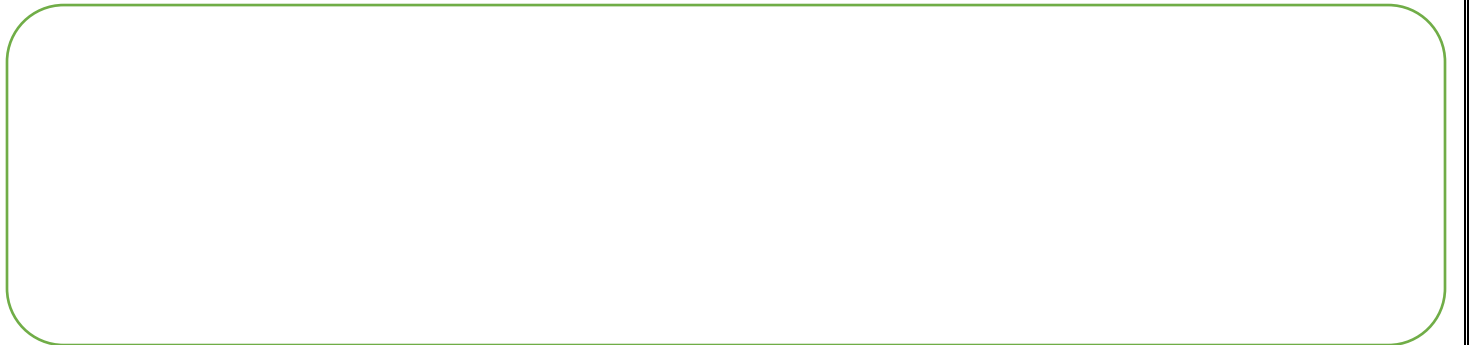
**Middle:** What happened after, in the middle of the story?



**End:** What happened at the end of the story? When it was finished?



**Problem:** What situation happened that needed to be fixed?



**Solution:** How did the problem get fixed in the end?

