2ND GRADE READING · FICTION

A Helping Hand

Name _____ Date _____

Fiction | 146 words | Lesson of the story

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1. Mr. Patel lived next door to Yusuf. He was eighty years old, and he walked with a **cane.** Every Saturday, Yusuf saw him carry heavy bags of **groceries** from the car to his house, one slow step at a time.
2. One Saturday, Yusuf had an idea. He ran over and said, "Can I help you carry those bags?"
3. Mr. Patel smiled. "That would be very kind," he said. Yusuf carried the bags to the kitchen and put the apples in a bowl.
4. "Do you like stories?" asked Mr. Patel. He told Yusuf how he had worked on trains when he was young. He had **traveled** across the whole country. Yusuf listened to every word.
5. After that, helping Mr. Patel became Yusuf's favorite part of Saturday. He carried the **groceries,** and Mr. Patel told a new story each week. "We make a good team," said Mr. Patel.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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A Helping Hand: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the story to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. How old was Mr. Patel?

(a) forty (b) eight (c) eighty

2. What did Yusuf offer to do?

(a) walk the dog (b) wash the car (c) carry the groceries

3. What job did Mr. Patel have when he was young?

(a) he was a farmer (b) he worked on trains (c) he was a teacher

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

☐ Helping became Yusuf's favorite part of Saturday.

☐ Mr. Patel told a story about trains.

☐ Yusuf offered to help.

☐ Yusuf saw Mr. Patel carrying heavy bags.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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A Helping Hand: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

cane	○	○ a stick that helps a person walk
groceries	○	○ food bought at a store
traveled	○	○ went from place to place

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

What lesson does this story teach? Use an example from the story.

3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Answer key: A Helping Hand

1 Circle the best answer

1. c) eighty
2. c) carry the groceries
3. b) he worked on trains

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 4, 3, 2, 1

1. Yusuf saw Mr. Patel carrying heavy bags.
2. Yusuf offered to help.
3. Mr. Patel told a story about trains.
4. Helping became Yusuf's favorite part of Saturday.

3 Word meanings

cane: a stick that helps a person walk

groceries: food bought at a store

traveled: went from place to place

4 Written answer (sample)

Helping others can make a new friend. Yusuf helped carry the bags and, in return, heard Mr. Patel's stories every week.

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