

Read the story. Answer the questions.



1. What does Lan pull out of her backpack?
2. What grade is Lan in?
3. What is her teacher's name?
4. What day and time is the conference?
5. Did Lan do something wrong?
6. What does Mrs. Carr want to show Lan's father?
7. Does Mrs. Carr want to see Lan's father face to face?
8. Does Lan's father speak English very well?
9. Who can translate if Lan's father doesn't understand?
10. How does Lan behave inside and outside of the classroom?
11. What is the teacher concerned about?
12. Is she ahead or behind the other third grade students?
13. Does Lan's father have many books at home?
14. Where can Lan borrow books?
15. How many minutes every evening does Lan need to spend reading?

A Conference with the Teacher



Thank you for coming, Mr. Le. It's nice to finally meet you face to face.

Lan is a very nice girl. She behaves well both inside and outside of the classroom. However, I am concerned about her reading.

She is a little behind the other third grade students. She needs to read more at home.

Don't worry. Lan can borrow books from the school library.

Please have her read for at least twenty minutes each evening.

Thanks for your support, Mr. Le. Now let me show you Lan's report card.



I'm glad to be here. How is my daughter doing in school?

What is the problem?

We don't have many books at home.

How much time does she need to spend reading at home?

I will make sure that this happens.

Write the past tense of each verb. Then write a sentence in the past tense. Practice your pronunciation.



1. **sit** _____
2. **ring** _____
3. **pick up** _____
4. **say** _____
5. **have** _____
6. **answer** _____
7. **come** _____
8. **explain** _____
9. **leave** _____
10. **drive** _____
11. **need** _____
12. **give** _____
13. **take** _____
14. **want** _____
15. **drink** _____
16. **examine** _____
17. **go back** _____
18. **keep** _____
19. **feel** _____
20. **pay** _____



A Conference with the Teacher

Listen to your teacher. Write the missing words.

Lan Le opens _____ backpack and pulls _____ a piece of orange paper. She _____, "Here, Dad. This is _____ you."

"What is it?" asks Lan's _____.

"It's a note _____ my third grade teacher, Mrs. Carr. _____ need to come to my school _____ Wednesday _____ four o'clock for a conference."

"A conference?" asks Lan's father. "_____ that?"

"My _____ wants to talk to you _____ me," says Lan.

"Did you _____ something wrong?" _____ Lan's father.

"No!" says Lan. "Mrs. Carr _____ to _____ you my report card and ... I _____ know ... she wants _____ have a conference _____ you!"

"Can she _____ me?" asks Lan's father.

"No, _____," answers Lan. "She wants to _____ you face to face."

"But I don't speak _____ very well."

"Don't worry! Mrs. Pham, _____ teacher's aide, will be _____ to translate _____ you don't understand. You have to go. _____ important!"

"Okay," says Lan's father. "I'll _____. But I have to leave work early _____ Wednesday."

Lan's father arrives at _____ daughter's classroom _____ four o'clock. Mrs. Carr is waiting _____ him. She smiles _____ shakes his hand.

"It's _____ nice to _____ you, Mr. Le," says Mrs. Carr. "Lan is a good _____ and I am very happy to have her in my _____."

"Thank you," says Mr. Le. "Is _____ all?"

"No, not quite. There are a few _____ things I would like to discuss _____ you. Your daughter is a very good _____. She behaves _____ both inside and _____ the classroom. However, I _____ concerned about her reading. She is a _____ behind the other third _____ students. She _____ to read more at home."

"We don't have many _____ at home," says Lan's father.

"That isn't a _____. She can borrow books from the _____ library," says Mrs. Carr. "I want her to spend at _____ twenty minutes every evening reading at home."

"Twenty minutes _____ evening. Okay," says Mr. Le. "I will make sure that _____ happens."

"That will _____ a lot," says Mrs. Carr. "Thank you for _____ support. Now, before you _____, I want you to see her report _____. Oh, good! Here _____ Mrs. Pham. She works _____ our class. _____ speaks Vietnamese and English. She can help if you have any _____."



Problem Solving

Below are five reasons why Lan's father doesn't want to go to a conference.

1. He needs to leave work early. He doesn't want to ask the boss for time off.
2. He has a transportation problem. He doesn't know if a city bus stops near Lan's school.
3. He isn't sure how to find Lan's classroom.
4. He doesn't speak English very well. He feels embarrassed.
5. He won't be able to read or understand Lan's report card.

Discuss each problem in a group. Write down some possible solutions to each problem below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____
