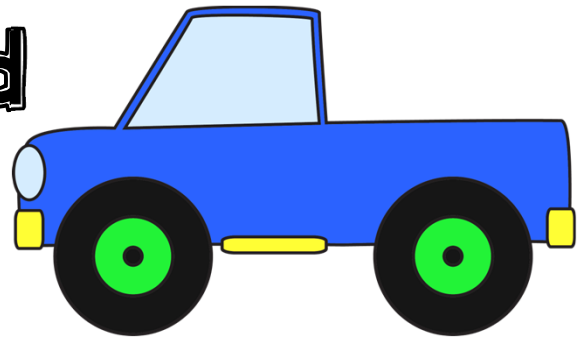


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A Helping Hand



Gus and his family were having a picnic in the park. They had lots of good food to eat like sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and juice. Gus and his little sister, Jane, played tag around the picnic table. They ran and laughed as they chased each other around the park. Then, they heard a loud noise. It was a big truck. The truck had a flat tire and it was stuck in the mud. Gus and Jane ran over to help. They tried to pull the truck out of the mud, but it was too heavy. They asked the driver if he had a shovel. He did, and they all started digging. They worked together and soon they had enough of a path for the truck to drive down. The driver thanked them and waved goodbye. Gus and Jane were tired and happy. They had worked hard, and they were proud of themselves. Gus and Jane went back to the picnic table and enjoyed their lunch. They were happy to have helped the truck driver and enjoyed their day in the park.

1. Read the passage about 'A Helping Hand'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

1. **What were Gus and his family having at the park?**
 - a. fun
 - b. a picnic
 - c. a ride on a truck

2. **What were Gus and his little sister playing?**
 - a. tag
 - b. games
 - c. soccer

3. **What did they hear?**
 - a. a loud thump
 - b. a big boom
 - c. a loud noise

4. **What was wrong with the truck?**
 - a. it couldn't stop
 - b. it was broken
 - c. it had a flat tire

5. **What did they ask the driver for to be able to help him?**
 - a. some money
 - b. a shovel
 - c. a ladder

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Do you think the family was enjoying their time at the park?
How do you know?
2. How does your time at a park compare with this family's?
3. In two sentences summarize what this reading passage is all about.
4. What images went through your mind as you read 'A Helping Hand'?
 - Could this story be true? Why or why not?
 - Why do you think the title of this story is 'A Helping Hand'?
 - What do you enjoy about going to the park?
 - Describe a time when you were playing or having fun and you stopped to help somebody.
 - Would you be friends with Jane or Gus – explain why or why not.