



Passage 1

Mist the Cat

Teacher Reads In this story, Ann is having a conversation with her friend, Jeff. Ann is complaining about her sister, Bess, who doesn't like Ann's pet cat. Let's find out how Jeff responds.

Ann sat with Mist, her cat, on her lap. She was upset with Bess.

"Jeff," Ann said. "Bess said that Mist is a pest. Is Mist a pest?"

Jeff put a hand on Mist to pet the cat. "No, Ann," said Jeff. "No pet is a pest. Bess is just mad at Mist."

Passage 2

Sunset at the Pond

Teacher Reads Ben and Kim are at a camp where they are having a lot of fun. They chat as they take a walk around a pond.

"At dusk, I ran to the pond," Ben said to Kim. "I saw the best sunset! It was very red."

Kim bent down to pick up a rock to toss into the water. "I will not miss a sunset at the pond. I will go to the pond at dusk just to see the red sunset," she said.



Passage 3

The List

Teacher Reads Justin wants to try fishing, but he is impatient, meaning he doesn't like waiting for things to happen. His mom knows fishing takes patience, so she gives him something to do to teach him how to be patient.

Justin got a list from his mom.

“This list is a test for you,” his mom said. “If you pass, you can fish at the pond. You have until sunset to hunt for a red vest, a big ant, a rock with a dent, and a nest in a tree.”

Justin said, “I can pass the test. I will look until the end. It will be fun.”

At sunset, Justin wins! He gets to fish at the pond.