



Packing Up

Part 1

Teacher Reads Moving to a new residence (home) can be stressful. There are lots of things to do, but packing can be one of the biggest jobs.

“I did not dream there was this much to do, Estela,”
11 said Neal. “With each box I pack and tape up, I still see
24 stacks of stuff. Do we need all of this?” he said with a
37 groan, as he set a big box on top of the heap.
49 “It takes a lot of work to pack,” Estela said. “But, yes,
61 we need it all. Keep taping! Have you seen my right
72 skate? It is not in its case.”

Part 2

Teacher Reads Neal was tired of packing and ready to quit, but Estela encouraged him to keep going. The job had to get done.

79 “With luck, it will stay lost,” said Neal. “That will
89 mean less to pack. Do the dishes on that shelf go in
101 this crate?”
103 “Do not pack them yet,” Estela said. “We still have
113 to eat today. Let’s take a rest. We can have some bran
125 flakes and milk. We may as well get rid of it all. I hate
139 to think that we need to take it with us,” she said with
152 a sigh.



Part 3

Teacher Reads Read on to find out if the dishes are the last things Estela and Neal need to pack.

154 After they ate, Neal said, “I will load some things
164 into the van. Can you tape up that last box?”
174 “Yes,” Estela said. “Then I will clean and pack the
184 dishes. There is not much left after that. Did you pack
195 all the things I had in the back? It will be a shame if we
210 cannot take them.” Neal just sat down and gave Estela
220 a sad look.
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