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Fluency: Read with Purpose and Understanding Practice

If you choose this fluency passage, print this page. Read the passage silently to yourself. Then practice reading the passage aloud. When you are ready, read the passage aloud to a partner. Focus on reading with purpose and understanding by asking yourself the following questions:

- What is the topic of the selection?
- What is the purpose of the selection?
- How will the topic and purpose influence the way I read?

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“Oh, no!” I cried. “I know I left it here. Now where did it go?” I scratched my head and looked around the garage in disbelief. Lily came running outside and asked me what was wrong. I told her that I had been collecting canned goods and boxes of food for those less fortunate. When Lily scanned the garage and pointed to a dog bone on the floor, I laughed. “Do you really think Buster took a whole bag full of food?” I asked.

We walked outside and saw four footprints on the path leading around to the back door. “Look,” shouted Lily. “I bet those footprints belong to the thief!” As we scrutinized them, I noticed two were suspiciously the size of my sneakers. The other two matched Lily’s sneakers.

We looked for clues in the bushes and in the yard; however, nothing turned up. Finally we went inside and saw Grandma stirring a large pot on the stove. The aroma of her “Everything Stew” made me hungry. Then it struck me. “Grandma, where did you get the ingredients for that stew?” I asked.

She smiled and said, “In a bag in the garage.” I groaned; I had to think fast. “I know! We’ll donate the cans of food that we have in our pantry,” I said. Case closed!