

RETELL FICTION

task cards



Retell Fiction Challenge

Pick three task cards.
story in your own words
your retelling with a buddy

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He saved his report card like a flag. "I did it in every subject, so may I have that pet store?" She smiled and handed the report card, her smile widening. "I'll store myself." He stood in front of the pet store.

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STANDARDS

2nd Grade

Retell Fiction



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Retell Fiction

Greg looked down at the toothpaste stain on his shirt. It was picture day at school. He hadn't noticed the stain when he'd left the house this morning. His mom was going to be angry if his school pictures got ruined by the white blotch. He asked to go to the bathroom. At the sink, he wet his fingers. He rubbed at the spot. It wasn't white anymore. Now he had a giant wet spot on his shirt though. He used the hand dryer. The wet spot disappeared, but the white toothpaste stain was back. Greg went back to class. He grabbed his favorite book from the classroom library. When it was his turn to get photographed, he held the book up in front of him. The stain was hidden, and he looked smart holding a book in the picture. His mom would be happy.

What is Greg's main problem in this story?

- a. He forgot to brush his teeth this morning.

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Fiona grasped my hand. "Are you ready, Simone?" we jumped into the lake. The water was cold, shocking my body. I remembered to move my arms and legs to swim. I couldn't see the surface, but I felt Fiona still holding my hand. When we surfaced, Max and Derek were standing on the shore. "Fiona and I would actually jump off the dock into the lake," Fiona said after we swam. "Now it's your turn," Fiona said after we swam. Both boys got pale. "I don't even know how to swim." "That water must be so cold," Derek said. "I'll go first." "Then we win," I announced. "You owe us both a drink." "Fine," Max said. "You both earned it. You're winners."

What happened at the end of the story?
Fiona and Simone jump into the lake on the dock. They have to buy Fiona and Simone a drink. They go back to shore together.

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Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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What is Greg's main problem in this story?

- a. He forgot to brush his teeth this morning.
- b. He is afraid to have his picture taken.
- c. His shirt is stained on picture day.
- d. His mom isn't happy that it's picture day.

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Tisha pulled a red envelope out of her mailbox. It was addressed to her so she tore it open. Inside was an invitation to her friend's birthday party. She ran into the house and showed it to her dad. "Can I go?"

Dad looked at the calendar they had on their refrigerator. "You have a soccer game that day. Do you want to let your team down by not showing up?"

Tisha shook her head, but she really wanted to go to that party. She called her friend. "I'm sorry, but I have a soccer game on the day of your party."

"Come after your game," her friend said. "Let's ask our parents if you can sleep over. That way, you get to come over and I get a longer party."

The parents agreed, and Tisha was glad she had such a smart friend.

What happened at the beginning of this story?

- a. Tisha finds a red envelope in her mailbox that's addressed to her.
- b. Tisha's dad looks at the calendar on their refrigerator.
- c. Tisha calls her friend to say she has a soccer game on the party date.
- d. Tisha's friend suggests a sleepover so they can still have fun together.

2

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Dox chased a moth through the tall ferns. His sharp coyote eyes let him track the small moth easily. The moth was fast though. Dox kept running to catch it. He didn't realize how far he'd wandered from his mom until he was in an unfamiliar part of the forest. He lifted his nose and sniffed. Dox couldn't even smell his mom.

"Mama?" he whimpered. A big shadow came over him. When Dox turned around, he squeaked at the giant black bear standing there. "Don't eat me!"

"Lucky for you, I'm not hungry." The bear nudged Dox to face south. "Walk straight that way and you'll find your mother."

Dox didn't waste any time running away. He found his mom and didn't chase moths anymore.

Which sentence best retells this story?

- a. A coyote chases a moth into a forest full of hungry black bears.
- b. A coyote pup strays from his mom, but a bear helps him find his way back.
- c. A black bear frightens a coyote pup with its sharp teeth and long claws.
- d. A black bear and a coyote pup become best friends in the forest.

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Zazu hopped onto the kitchen counter. She knew she wasn't supposed to be up there. All her humans were out though. There was no one to stop her from finally seeing what was on top of the cabinets. Eyeing her target, she sprung up with her back kitty legs. She landed quietly on top of the nearest cabinet. Her paws were instantly covered in dust. She spent several minutes licking them clean. When she took another step, something jingled. A spare set of keys were stashed up there. Zazu supposed that was a good hiding spot. Her hunting around uncovered a couple of dead flies. A big, very-much-alive spider that she didn't want to disturb was also snoozing in a web. Zazu jumped down just as her humans returned. Next time they all went out, she was picking a more exciting spot of the house to check out.

Which event happened last in the story?

- a. Zazu hopped onto the kitchen counter.
- b. Zazu jumped down from the cabinets.
- c. Zazu's paws got covered in dust.
- d. Zazu saw a big spider on top of the cabinets.

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