"How Tia Lola Came to Stay"

Vocabulary

1. prepared — made ready
2. welcomed — greeted in a friendly way
3. honor — something enjoyable and special
4. included — belonging to, or part of a group
5. observes — watches
6. glances — looks at quickly and then looks away
7. sensitive — showing understanding and awareness
8. unspoiled — not changed by people
9. encouragement — making someone feel hopeful
10. negative — unpleasant

Story Skill: Cause & Effect Relationships

Cause: an event that makes something else happen.
Effect: an event that happens because of an earlier action or experience.
Clue words such as because, then, so, and since can help you identify a cause-and-effect relationship.

Decoding Skill: Vowel-Consonant-Consonant-Vowel

Find two consonants stuck in between two vowels.
Break the word into syllables between the consonants.
Blend the syllables together to check if the word sounds right!

Comprehension Questions

1. What is the main conflict in the story?
2. How would Miguel’s mother be affected if Tia Lola were not there?
3. How does the author show that Juanita is happy to be included in her brother’s plans?
4. How does Miguel’s change of heart about Tia Lola affect the plot?
5. Why does the author describe the snowy field as a canvas?
6. Why does Tia Lola use beans and sausage to make a pizza?

Spelling

skill
crime
grind
tonight
brick
flight
live
chill
delight
build
ditch
decide
witness
wind
district
inch
sigh
fright
remind
split

Challenge Words

ignorant
recognize
advice
twilight
rigid

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