



The Stolen Car

Last month John's car was stolen in Toronto. The front window was smashed by the thief, and the car was driven out of the city. It was kept in an abandoned lot for a week. Finally the window was repaired and it was sold on the black market to a used car dealership. Soon, it was bought by a young man who drove it out west to visit his family. In Alberta the young man was pulled over for speeding. The car was seized by police because the license plate indicated it was stolen. Finally the car was returned to John. He couldn't believe all the crazy things that had happened to his car.



The Stolen Car - Questions



1. When was John's car stolen?

2. How was it stolen?

3. Where was the car kept for a week?

4. What was done to the car before it was sold on the black market?

5. How did the car end up in Alberta?

6. How did the police end up finding the car?

7. Did John ever get his car back?



The Tornado

Last month, the Johnson's house was destroyed by a tornado. The roof was ripped off during the storm. The car was picked up by strong winds and dropped 2 miles from the house. Most of their possessions were lost in the storm. The Johnsons were housed and fed during the ordeal by family and friends. Luckily the Johnson's house was insured. Now the house is being renovated. The walls are being repaired, the roof is being rebuilt, and all of the rooms are being painted. The entire house is being refurnished. A lot of money is being spent to repair the house, but at least the family wasn't killed by the storm.



The Tornado - Questions



1. What happened to the Johnson's house?

2. What happened to the roof?

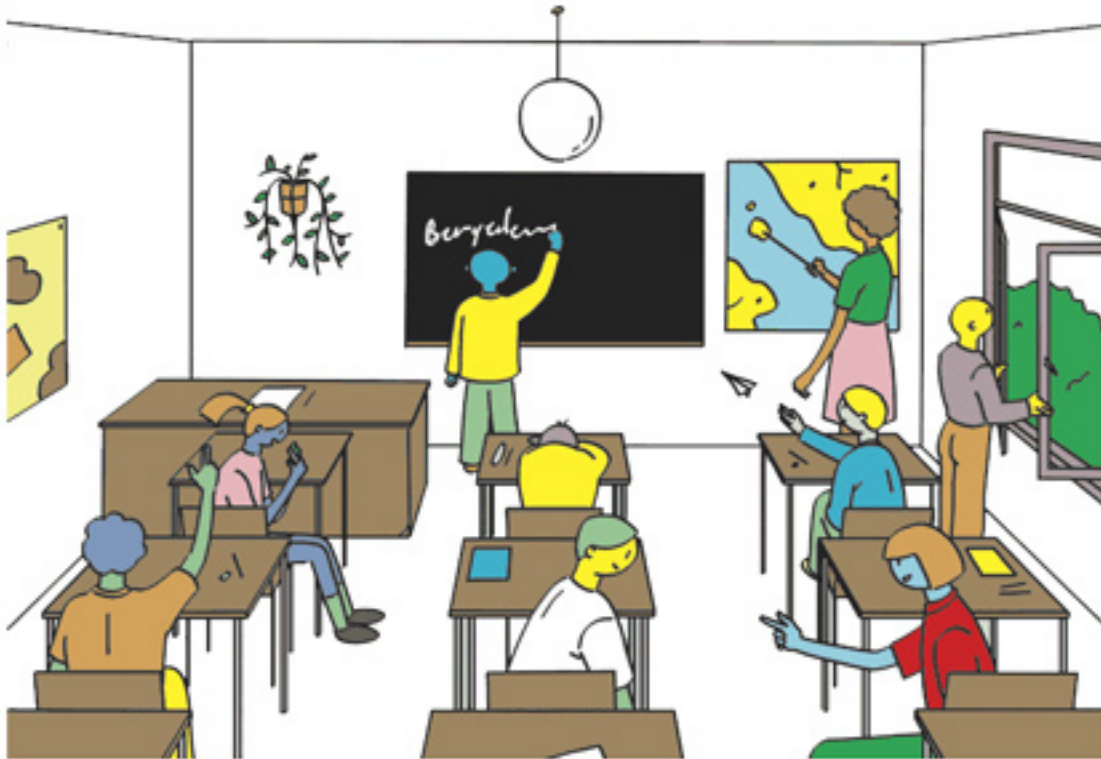
3. Where was the car dropped by the wind?

4. Who were the Johnson's helped out by during their ordeal?

5. Was the house insured?

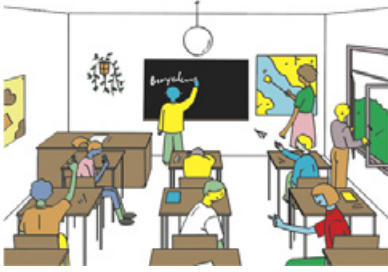
6. What kinds of renovations are being done to the house?

7. What is the downside to this situation and what is the upside?



Janie's New School

Janie hated school. She was bullied by the other kids in her class. She was made fun of, she was taunted and she was laughed at. She was often yelled at by her teacher. Janie's parents were worried about her, so they moved her to a new school. On her first day at the new school she was welcomed by the entire class. She was shown around the school by a nice girl named Samantha. She was even given a desk in the front row. In art class, she was complimented by the teacher on her beautiful drawing. At recess she was invited by a group of kids to play baseball. Janie is respected at her new school and she is much happier.



Janie's New School - Questions



1. How was Janie treated at her old school by the other kids?

2. What did they do to her?

3. How was she treated by her teacher?

4. What was done by Janie's parents to help her?

5. How was she treated by her class the first day?

6. What were 3 nice things that happened to Janie on the first day?

7. Why is Janie much happier at the new school?

Questions about you.

1. Has a possession of yours ever been stolen? How was it taken?

2. Where is your car kept? Where is your wallet kept?

3. Imagine that your car was taken in for repairs yesterday. Explain what was done to your car by the mechanics.

4. Were you complimented by someone recently? Who were you complimented by and what did they say to you?

5. Were you ever helped out by someone? How did they help you?

6. How are you treated by the other students in your class / or by your co-workers?

7. What were you given by your family for your birthday?

8. Were you ever bullied by anyone? How were you bullied?

Draw a picture of yourself in the box, or paste in a photograph.

Now use the questions and answers above to write a short paragraph about yourself.

Create your own story.

1. Draw a picture or paste a photo into the box below.
2. Using the passive voice, write a short paragraph about the person or people in the box.
3. Write at least 5 questions about your paragraph.
4. Give your paper to a classmate to read your story and answer your questions.

Questions

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____