

Miss Thackery and the Bee



Name: _____

1 The words 'as' and 'while' show the reader that two things are happening at the same time. For example: The girl stood very still as she took a photograph. Because the two actions happen at the same time they can be written in a different order. For example: As she took a photograph, the girl stood very still. A comma is required if the word 'as' appears at the front of the sentence. Rewrite the sentences below, changing the sequence of the activities.

a Bits of Grandma's music seemed to come out of his fingers as he touched the keys.

As he touched the keys, bits of Grandma's music seemed to come out of his fingers.

b His mum would ruffle his hair as she passed.

c Jaron's mum glanced at him as they pulled up outside the apartment block.

d As he climbed the five wide, white steps, his heart began to beat a little faster.

2 Answer the following questions by circling true or false. Find an example from the text that supports your answer and write it on the line below.

a Jaron admired his grandmother a lot.

True/False

b Jaron blushed with embarrassment when he played in the class show.

True/False

c Jaron was so talented that he was learning three instruments at once.

True/False

d Miss Thackery knew that Jaron was scared of her.

True/False

Looking back and making connections

Jaron is unsure how to tell the adults around him that he feels uncomfortable when he visits Miss Thackery for lessons. Write down three things that Jaron could do or say to help him with his problem.

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1 Read each statement carefully and then check the text closely for clues. Colour the circle that is the best response.

a Miss Thackery waved one hand in time with Jaron's music.

☐

Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Usually

☐

Always

b Miss Thackery slapped Jaron's hands when he made mistakes.

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Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Usually

☐

Always

c Miss Thackery smiled the way Jaron's parents smiled.

☐

Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Usually

☐

Always

d Jaron found the pieces too difficult to play.

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Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Usually

☐

Always

e Miss Thackery talked with Jaron about her hobbies.

☐

Never

☐

Rarely

☐

Sometimes

☐

Usually

☐

Always



2 The letter 'c' makes a range of sounds including the soft 's' sound, for example, place, mice, peace and citizen. Use the page number clues below to find the words that contain a 'c' making the soft 's' sound.

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3 Use the letter blends from the boxes below to make the words from the text. Cross out each blend as you use it.

sc	sc	ch	wr	sw	pr	kn	st	sk	pl
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