



A Lesson on My New Brother by Megan Maloney

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 1 hour 15 minutes

Lesson Keywords: hospital, baby brother, young, careful, nurse

Lesson Description: In this lesson we will be learning about using context clues and solving questions using the text. They will also get to use their own opinions to come up with conclusions left untold in the story. At the end, they will discuss their own experience in relation to the story.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.7: Explain how specific aspects of a text's illustrations contribute to what is conveyed by the words in a story (e.g., create mood, emphasize aspects of a character or setting).

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.4: Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1b: Provide reasons that support the opinion.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

Instructions: Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

My New Brother

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Content: My mother was having a baby and we were all very glad. We did not know when the baby would come, but we knew it was soon.

Then one night my mother woke us up and said it was time. She said that my aunt would take care of me. She was going to the hospital. I wanted to go, too. But she said I would come later.

The next morning, my aunt said, Now you have a new brother. I was so happy. I wanted to see him, but my aunt said, You cant come to the hospital because you are too young.

But I really wanted to see the baby. And I missed my mother, too.

My mother called me on the telephone. She stayed in the hospital a few days so we talked on the phone. She said she was feeling good and would be home soon. She said the nurses had taken good care of her.

The next day, I went to the hospital because we were bringing my mother home. When we got there, she was in a wheelchair. I thought there was something wrong.

Are you sick? I asked.

The nurse said, No she is just being careful. When patients leave the hospital they leave in a wheelchair to make sure they stay safe.

My mother thanked the nurse and said she and the baby would be back next week to see the doctor. We would take good care of my little brother. We would visit the hospital to make sure he was healthy.

Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1 WordPhrase: Young **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: In the story the author says, "You can't come to the hospital because you are too young." What does the word young mean?

- A: Little
- B: Short
- C: Old
- D: Tall

Question: Which one of these sentences uses the word "young" correctly?

- A: When I am young, my skin is very wrinkly.
- B: I love being young, because I can see over everyone's head.
- C: My baby brother is very young.
- D: My dad is younger than me.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Careful **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: In the story the nurse said, "No she is just being careful." What does careful mean?

- A: careless
- B: cautious
- C: reckless
- D: not paying attention

Question: Which one of these sentences uses the word "careful" correctly?

- A: My mom was being careful when she hit the mailbox with her car.
- B: Hailey was careful when she fell off the monkey bars.
- C: My dad was careful when he left the water running in the bathtub.
- D: I was careful riding my bike by wearing a helmet.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Nurse **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: in the story, the mother said "The nurses had taken good care of her." What does the word nurse mean?

- A: A person trained to take care of sick, injured, or people who need help.
- B: A person who takes care of fish
- C: A robot who helps people
- D: A person who mows the lawn

Question: Which one of these sentences below uses the word "nurse" correctly?

- A: The nurse cleaned out the fish tank.
- B: The nurse made sure I was okay when I broke my arm.
- C: The nurse overheated and its batteries died.
- D: The nurse forgot to cut my grass.

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Hospital **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: When the author says, "I went to the hospital because we were bringing my mother home." What does the word hospital mean?

- A: A place where they sell food
- B: A place where you can pay for a room to sleep in with free breakfast most of the time.
- C: A place where sick, injured, or people who need help go to get treatment.
- D: A place where you can see a movie

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "hospital" correctly?

- A: I went to the hospital when I broke my leg.
- B: I went to the hospital to buy some candy.
- C: My family stayed in a hospital when we traveling to Disney World.
- D: My friends and I went to the hospital to see a movie.

Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - Why do you think the aunt said "You can't come to the hospital because you are too young." ?
His aunt said, "You can't come to the hospital because you are too young." What does the word young mean?? Give me three reasons why having a young child in a hospital isn't a good idea.

2 - Why did the mother stay in the hospital for a few days if the baby was done being born?
The author said, "She stayed in the hospital a few days so we talked on the phone." Why would the mother have to stay in the hospital even though the baby is born? Explain in a few sentences. (at least three)

3 - Why did the child think his mother was sick when he saw her in a wheelchair?
The author said "When we got there, she was in a wheelchair. I thought there was something wrong." What is a wheelchair normally used for? Why would his mother be sitting in one now??

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: You are to write and post here 500?words essay on what you think it is like in a hospital??Make sure to provide specific examples like who can go?to one, why would someone go, what does it look like, what's it like vvisiting someone, etc. If you have been in a hospital,?please feel free to write about your experience.?

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