



## A Lesson on My New Brother by Jahsalyn Barnes

**Grade Level:** Grade 3

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts

**Lesson Length:** 2 hours

**Lesson Keywords:** My new brother, 3rd grade

**Lesson Description:** The purpose of this lesson is to enhance students reading, writing, and vocabulary. Students will be able to read the passage and use context clues to learn new vocabulary. Additionally, students will think critically to answer discussion questions and respond to peers. Finally, they will construct a short essay about their own experience and how it relates 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.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

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## 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.

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## 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:** Glad **WordPhraseTier:** 2

**Question:** "My mother was having a baby and we were all very glad." What does "glad" mean in this sentence?

- A: Angry
- B: Happy
- C: Sad
- D: Cautious

**Question:** Choose the sentence that uses the word "glad" correctly.

- A: I was so glad to fail that test.
- B: My mother was glad that I didn't do my chores.
- C: Teva's grandmother was so glad that she came to visit her.
- D: Richard felt glad after falling off the monkey bars.

**Q: 2 WordPhrase:** Hospital **WordPhraseTier:** 3

**Question:** "She stayed in the hospital a few days so we talked on the phone". What is the meaning "the hospital" in this sentence?

- A: A place to buy groceries
- B: A fancy hotel
- C: A place to hang out
- D: A place where, sick, injured and others in need of help are given treatment

**Question:** Which sentence uses "the hospital" correctly?

- A: My little brother wasn't feeling well so my mom brought him to the hospital.
- B: Dad went to the hospital to get our car looked at.
- C: Eddie needed to go to the hospital for new shoes.
- D: The hospital is a great place to shop for exotic fruits.

**Q: 3 WordPhrase:** Careful **WordPhraseTier:** 2

**Question:** "The nurse said, ?No she is just being careful." What does the word "careful" mean in this sentence?

- A: Cautious
- B: Foolish
- C: Silly
- D: Rude

**Question:** Choose the sentence that uses the word "careful" correctly.

- A: Stan was being careful so he fell off his bike.
- B: Mother always told me to be careful when crossing the street.
- C: Ally was careful when she over watered the plants.
- D: He was careful when he rode his skateboard without a helmet.

**Q: 4 WordPhrase:** Healthy **WordPhraseTier:** 3

**Question:** "We would visit the hospital to make sure he was healthy." What does the word "healthy" mean in this sentence?

- A: Hungry
- B: Sick and tired
- C: Small
- D: Good body and mind

**Question:** Choose the sentence that uses "healthy" correctly.

- A: Candy, chips, and ice cream make me healthy.
- B: I could tell she was healthy because she had a cough and runny nose.
- C: Nutritious food, sleep and exercise keep me healthy.
- D: When I am healthy, I make myself a sandwich and I feel better.

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## 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 did the mother stay in the hospital?

The story says, She stayed in the hospital a few days so we talked on the phone. Why did the mother stay in the hospital a few days after having the baby??

### 2 - What could happen?

The nurse said, When patients leave the hospital they leave in a wheelchair to make sure they stay safe. What do you think could happen to patients if they could not use a wheelchair?

### 3 - What could the girl do?

What could the child do to help their mom take care of their new baby brother?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

**Instructions:** You are to write and post here a 2-3 paragraph essay on whether you have experienced a new baby brother or sister and what that day was like for you. If you do not have a younger sibling talk about a time you or a family member were in the hospital.

Make sure to provide specific examples.

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