

Notes from School

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Marge remembered most things. But there was one thing she always forgot.

She never took notes home from school. She left them in her desk. Or she lost them on her way home from school.

Her teacher got angry with her.

Her parents got angry with her.

But still, Marge always forgot.

Then one day she learned a lesson.

Marge got to school that day. She saw no one. The playground was empty. *I'm late*, Marge thought. She ran to the door. It was locked. "Oh, no!" Marge said. "Now I'll miss my work!" She banged on the door. Then tears came to her eyes. She started to cry.

Soon a teacher came. "There's no school today," she said. "We have a teachers' meeting. Didn't your parents get the note?"

Marge said, "I don't think so." Then she went home. "I'll never forget another note," she told her mother.

And Marge kept her word. After that, she never left her notes in her desk. She never lost them on the way home from school. She always *made sure* to take them home.

COMPREHENSION

A Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 Another good name for this story is
 - a** Marge Learns a Lesson.
 - b** Marge Goes to School.
- 2 The playground was empty that day because
 - a** the children were inside.
 - b** there was no school.
- 3 When Marge said, "Now I'll miss my work," you knew that she wanted to
 - a** do well in school.
 - b** get to her job.

- 4 Marge's parents didn't say anything about the teachers' meeting because they
 - a** were still mad at Marge.
 - b** didn't know about it.
- 5 Marge will always remember to take notes home because
 - a** her teacher told her that she must.
 - b** she now knows they are important.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B Words change spelling when they mean more than one.

one note → two notes

Write each word below so that it means more than one.

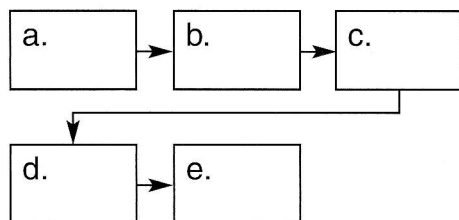
- 1 thing
- 2 note
- 3 tear
- 4 parent
- 5 teacher

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence below? Write the word.

- 6 The children took the notes home to their _____.
- 7 Marge never gave her teacher's _____ to her parents.
- 8 Notes were the only _____ that Marge forgot.
- 9 The meeting was for _____ only.
- 10 Marge had _____ in her eyes when the teacher opened the door.

THINK ABOUT IT

- D** Look at the story map below. Complete each story map by writing the letter that tells in what order each event happened.



- 1 After that, Marge never forgot to take notes home from school. ____
 - 2 Marge realized her parents never got the note. ____
 - 3 A teacher told her there was a teachers' meeting. ____
 - 4 One day Marge went to school and found the door locked. ____
 - 5 Marge never remembered to take notes home. ____
- E** Read the sentences. Look at the pronoun in **bold type**. Which answer tells you what the pronoun stands for? Write *a* or *b*.
- 6 Marge never took home the notes from the teacher. **She** left the notes at school.
 - a The teacher
 - b Marge
 - 7 Sometimes Marge's teacher got angry with Marge. **She** said to be more careful.
 - a Marge's teacher
 - b Marge
 - 8 The notes to the parents said the teachers were having a meeting. **They** were going to meet at the school.
 - a The teachers
 - b The parents
 - 9 Marge went to school and could not get in. A teacher told her, "**You** didn't have to come to school today."
 - a A teacher
 - b Marge
 - 10 Marge told her mother what had happened. Marge said that **she** would never forget another note.
 - a Marge
 - b Her mother