



Oops! Moments

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Find the ONE thing that started the whole chain. Then trace each "because of that..." step all the way to the end.

The Spilled Juice Rush



"Oh no!" Leo groaned, watching the bright orange juice spread across his clean white shirt. He had been trying to chug it down quickly before school, but his elbow had bumped the glass. Now a big, sticky stain bloomed right on his chest. He knew he couldn't go to school looking like that.

Rushing to his room, Leo frantically pulled off the wet shirt and searched for another clean one. By the time he found a suitable replacement and buttoned it up, he heard the familiar rumble of the school bus driving past his house. "Dad! I missed the bus!" he yelled, running downstairs. His dad, already putting on his jacket for work, sighed. "Alright, hop in. But we'll both be cutting it close."

The drive to school felt extra long. Leo watched his dad tap his fingers on the steering wheel, looking worried. When they finally pulled up, his dad said, "I'm going to be late for my big meeting now, Leo. This was important." Leo's heart sank. Because of his rush and the spilled juice, his dad was in trouble at work. That evening, Leo helped his dad clean the kitchen and offered to pack his own lunch every day. He learned that a little extra care in the morning could save a lot of trouble later.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which of these BEST explains why Leo's dad was late for his meeting? Circle the correct answer.

A Leo was slow getting ready for school.



- B Leo spilled juice on his shirt and missed the bus.
- C There was a lot of traffic on the way to school.
- D His dad woke up late that morning.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because Leo spilled juice on his shirt,

_____.

(3) What was one effect of Leo missing the school bus?

(4) Describe how Leo spilling his juice led to his dad missing an important meeting.

(5) What might have happened if Leo had NOT spilled his juice? Explain.



