PORTALS TO READING Jr.

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Reading Skills Through Literature
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Short Vowels

Read the words in the word box. Think about the short vowel sounds you hear. Then choose a word that makes sense in each sentence. You will not use all of the words.

Example: Corduroy had always wanted a ______ friend______.

1. Corduroy wanted to find his lost ________________.
2. One of Corduroy’s shoulder straps wasn’t ________________.
3. The store was full of ________________.
4. Lisa’s mother said they’d ________________ spent too much.
5. The department store doors were ________________.
6. The next floor looked like a ________________.
7. Corduroy tried to pull a button from a ________________.
8. Quite by ________________, Corduroy knocked over a lamp.
9. The lamp ________________ to the floor.
10. The night watchman saw two ________________ brown ears.

Now write your own sentence about Corduroy. Use the word that is left in the word box.

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Thinking About the Story

Read the questions below. Think about what happened in Corduroy. Write your answers on the lines below the questions.

1. Where did Corduroy live?

2. Why didn’t Corduroy look new?

3. Why did Corduroy go upstairs in the store?

4. Who found Corduroy and took him back to the toy department?

5. What did Lisa do for Corduroy after she took him home?
Main Idea

Read the main idea sentences in the box. Then read each of the paragraphs about Corduroy. Below each paragraph, write the main idea sentence that tells about that paragraph.

Main Idea Sentences

Corduroy wished someone would take him home.
Corduroy liked his new home.
Corduroy wanted to find his lost button.

1. Corduroy had lived in the department store for a long time. Each day he hoped someone would take him home. Other toys and dolls went home with people. But no one ever took Corduroy home.

2. Corduroy thought someone might buy him if he could find his lost button. So he climbed down from the toy shelf. Corduroy looked everywhere for his lost button. He even went upstairs to the next floor to see if he could find it.

3. Corduroy smiled as he looked around Lisa’s new room. He saw a bed just his size. It was sitting alongside Lisa’s big bed. The room was just like home. Corduroy knew he had always wanted a home.
Fact and Opinion

One sentence in each pair states a fact. The other sentence states an opinion. Write the letter F in front of each fact sentence. Write the letter O in front of each opinion sentence.

Example: 

F Corduroy lived in a department store.

O Department stores are too big.

1. ________ Bears make the best stuffed animals.
   ________ Lisa wanted to buy Corduroy.

2. ________ Corduroy was missing a button.
   ________ It was careless of Corduroy to lose a button.

3. ________ Department stores look like palaces.
   ________ Corduroy wanted a real home.

4. ________ Lisa’s mother should have paid for Corduroy.
   ________ Lisa paid for Corduroy with her own money.

5. ________ Apartments are nicer than houses.
   ________ Lisa lived in an apartment.

What are your opinions about Corduroy? Write an opinion sentence on the lines below.

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