

# Reading Comprehension: Helper of the Week - Answer Key

2nd Grade - short story comprehension | 15 minutes

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## Read the passage:

Every Friday, Mrs. Lee chose a Helper of the Week. The helper passed out papers, fed the class fish, and held the door for everyone. This week she chose Sam. On Monday, Sam was so excited that he forgot to feed the fish. His friend Ava reminded him just in time. After that, Sam made a checklist of his jobs and taped it to his desk. He checked off each one every morning. By Friday, he had not missed a single job. 'You turned a mistake into a plan,' Mrs. Lee said. Sam smiled and added one more line to his list: teach the next helper.

## Read the story. Then answer each question in a complete sentence using details from the story.

1. Who chose the Helper of the Week?

**Answer: Mrs. Lee.**

2. What were the helper's jobs?

**Answer: Passing out papers, feeding the class fish, and holding the door.**

3. What did Sam forget to do on Monday?

**Answer: He forgot to feed the fish.**

4. How did Sam make sure he did all his jobs?

**Answer: He made a checklist and taped it to his desk, checking off each job.**

5. What is the main idea of the story?

**Answer: Sam fixed his mistake by making a plan. (Sample answer.)**

## Challenge

6. Why do you think Sam added 'teach the next helper' to his list? Use the story.

**Answer: Answers will vary; his checklist worked so well that he wanted to help the next helper succeed too.**