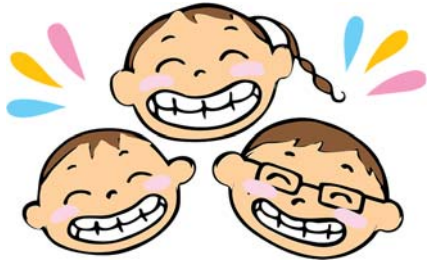


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Cafeteria Choices

Directions: Read the story below. Then answer the comprehension and reflection questions that follow.

Lunchroom Laughter

It was lunchtime, and the cafeteria buzzed with voices and laughter. Noah sat with his group of friends at their usual table near the window. Everyone was joking and sharing stories from class when a new student, Leo, walked by carrying his lunch tray. Leo's shoe slipped, and his milk carton tipped over, splashing onto the floor. A few people at Noah's table started to laugh.

At first, Noah chuckled too. But then he saw Leo's face turn red as he bent down to clean the mess by himself. Noah remembered how nervous he felt on his first day at a new school. He stood up, grabbed some napkins, and helped Leo clean up the spill. The laughter around the table faded as Noah said, "It could happen to anyone." Leo looked up and smiled gratefully.

When Noah sat back down, his friends teased him for "trying to be the hero," but he didn't care. He knew he had made a choice that showed kindness, not cruelty. As lunch ended, Leo waved goodbye and thanked him again. Noah realized that being a leader sometimes meant doing what was right, even if others didn't.

1. Why did some students start laughing at Leo?
 - A. He told a joke.
 - B. He was talking loudly.
 - C. He dropped his lunch tray on purpose.
 - D. He slipped and spilled his milk.
2. What made Noah decide to help Leo?
 - A. He wanted to show off.
 - B. He remembered how it felt to be new and embarrassed.
 - C. The teacher told him to help.
 - D. His friends dared him to.
3. How did Noah's friends react after he helped Leo?
 - A. They teased him for stepping in.
 - B. They ignored what happened.
 - C. They thanked him for helping.
 - D. They told the teacher.
4. What lesson did Noah learn?
 - A. To laugh with everyone else.
 - B. To follow the crowd to fit in.
 - C. To do what is right, even if others don't.
 - D. To never help new students again.
5. **Short Response:** Describe a time when you stood up for someone or made a kind choice, even when it wasn't easy.