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The Backpack Mystery Answer Key

1. Emma and her friends went to the park.
2. They ate sandwiches and drank juice.
3. Emma drew a picture of the lake.
4. A woman helped Emma by returning the backpack.
5. Possible answers: went, brought, drank, ran, took, drew, left, seen, came, gave.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Skill Targeted:** Students practice identifying and understanding **irregular verb forms** and irregular plurals in context while also working on comprehension.
- **Teaching Tip:** Have students highlight or underline all irregular words in the passage before answering questions.
- **Extension Activity:** Ask students to rewrite the story in present tense (e.g., "Emma goes to the park..."). This reinforces recognition of how irregular verbs shift forms.
- **Differentiation:** For struggling learners, provide a chart of base → past tense → past participle forms of the verbs in the passage. For advanced learners, ask them to write an alternate ending using at least five irregular verbs.