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DAN: Well, hello Cora! I was just on my way to see you.

CORA: To see me! Did you need something?

DAN: No, no, I don't need anything. I have a letter for you.

CORA: Oh, you do? Who is it from?

DAN: I'm not sure. It is a very strange letter. It was sent to me. I opened it, and inside there was a second letter.

CORA: A second letter?

DAN: Yes. And the first letter said to give the second letter to *you as fast as I could*.

CORA: How strange! Well, let's see what it says.

3. *Dan gives Cora the second letter. She opens it and reads it out loud:*

4. **CORA:** "Dear Cora, here you will find a third letter. Please give it to Tommy, the Turtle, as fast as you can."

DAN: A third letter for Tommy the Turtle? How strange! We must get it to him *at once*.

CORA: Yes, yes. I think I saw him going to the shoe store.

5. *Dan and Cora run to the shoe store. There sits Tommy, the Turtle, trying on a pair of shoes.*

6. **CORA:** Tommy! Tommy! We have a letter for you!

DAN: A very strange letter.

CORA: A very important letter!

DAN: A very, very special letter!

TOMMY: (*in a grumpy voice*) Well, let

Tip: When there is an exclamation point, your voice should have a lot of emotion. When there is a question mark, it should sound like a question.
(Teachers/Parents can model this; then have students practice.)

Tip: Italics and capital letters in dialogue are for showing feelings (such as happy, excited, mad, etc.). Practice saying them aloud with emotion. (Teachers/Parents please model this.)

Practice 1: The title of this story tells us the setting of the story.

- A. True
- B. False

Practice 2: Dan is a dog, and Cora is a mouse.

- A. True
- B. False



Strategy: Many of the sentences that use words like "never," or "always," are false. This is because the sentence must be true all the time or none of the time.

me have it. I don't know what could be so important. I have things to do.

7. *Cora gives the letter to Tommy. Tommy opens the letter and reads.*
8. **TOMMY:** “Dear Tommy, do not buy shoes today. Instead, go buy a gift. Who is the gift for? It is for me! Today is my birthday. How did you forget? From your wife, Tammy, the Turtle.”
DAN: It sounds as if we got you the letter just in time.
CORA: Yes, you would have been in big trouble if you had bought those shoes.
TOMMY: Oh, I'm already in trouble. I bought a hat and coat before I came here!

Practice 3: Dan never walks quickly.

- A. True
- B. False

Tip: When you see a comma, take a quick pause. Commas tell you it is a good place to take a short breath.



Strategy: When asked to write an answer to a comprehension question, look back at the story for the detail that is being asked about. Underline key words in the question that you should look for in the passage.

Tip: Once you find the tip you need to answer a question, underline it in the passage.

Example: Why was Dan on his way to see Cora? Answer in a complete sentence.

(First, underline the detail in the story. A few key words you could look for are: “On his/my way.” It is in Paragraph 2.)

Answer: He was on his way to give her a letter.



Strategy: Restate part of the question in your answer when responding to a comprehension question. This will help you look for the correct details and write a complete sentence.

Tip: Remember when writing sentences to ALWAYS use correct capitalization and end punctuation.

Practice 4: What was Tommy doing when Cora and Dan reached him? Answer in a complete sentence.

Practice 5: How do Cora and Dan describe the letter to Tommy? Give three details from the passage. Answer in a complete sentence.

Practice 6: Why did Tammy send the letter to Tommy? Answer in a complete sentence.
