

Reading Task

Aunt Jemima's earring

"This new mall is huge!" said Anna.

"Yes," said Aunt Jemima. "It's bigger than the old mall and it's nicer, too. There are four escalators and a lift. It opened yesterday. It's very exciting".

"I need a new computer disc," said Uncle Bob. "Stay with Aunt Jemima, Anna. We mustn't lose you." He went into the computer shop. Anna and Aunt Jemima waited outside.

Anna looked around. There were lots of people. She looked at the floor. Suddenly she saw a small, grey ring. She picked up the ring. It was made of metal but it wasn't shiny. Anna put it in her pocket.

Uncle Bob came back and they went to the clothes shop. Aunt Jemima wanted a new scarf. She put a pretty scarf round her neck. She looked in the mirror.

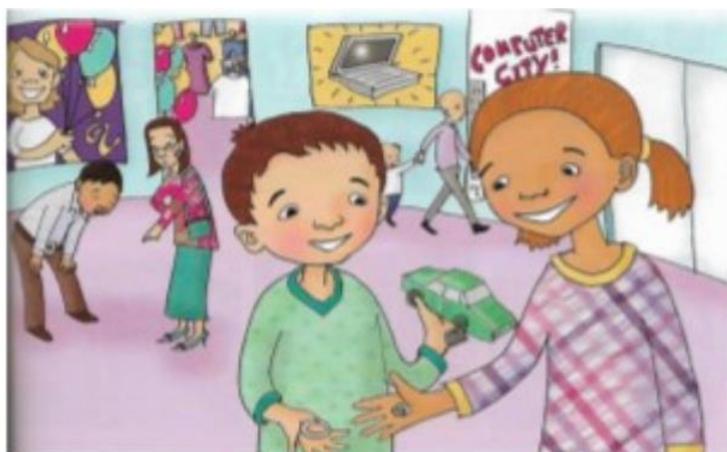
"Oh no!" she said. "My earring! It's missing! We must go back to the computer shop."

They looked on the floor outside the computer shop. Then Anna heard a sob. Next to her there was a small boy.

"Oh, dear. What's the matter?" asked Anna.

"I dropped my new car," said the boy. "I lost a piece and now it doesn't go." He cried and a big tear fell on the floor.

"Did you lose a ring?" Anna asked.



“Yes,” said the boy. “I looked on the floor but I didn’t find it. I found this but it isn’t mine.” The boy had a shiny, silver ring in his hand.

“That’s Aunt Jemima’s earring!” Anna put her hand in her pocket and took out the grey, metal ring. “Is this yours?” she asked.

“Yes,” he cried. “Thank you.” The boy fixed the ring into his car.

Anna took the earring to Aunt Jemima. She was very happy. “Now let’s have a nice cup of tea in the cafe’,” she said.

“Just a minute,” said Uncle Bob. “My new disc! It’s in the clothes shop.”

“Oh, no!” said Anna. “Everyone is losing things today!”