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# Funny Faces

by Kelly Hashway



Liz stared at the large envelopes in Mr. Mason's hand. The school pictures were here. Liz had been so excited on picture day. She'd just gotten a new hair cut and a brand new sweater. Her mom had even let her wear lip-gloss. Now she'd finally get to see how the picture turned out.

"When you get your envelope, please locate the spare photo for the classroom display," Mr. Mason said.

Mr. Mason had a Wall of Fame board in the back of the classroom. Every year he posted pictures of his students and had them sign their names.

Mr. Mason placed an envelope facedown on Liz's desk. "Retakes are on Wednesday," he whispered.

*Retakes?* Liz panicked. *How awful could it be?* She took a deep breath and lifted one corner of the envelope. All she could see was her hair. Nothing wrong there. No stray pieces standing on end or anything like that. Liz raised the envelope a little higher, and then she saw it. Her eyes were half-closed! She slammed the envelope back down before anyone else could see.



Liz looked around the room. A few others had their envelopes face-down on their desks too.

“Mr. Mason, can I ask the class a question?” Liz said.

Mr. Mason nodded. “Be my guest.”

Liz stood up. “Does anyone else have a bad picture? My eyes are half-closed, and I look kind of funny.”

“I’m sneezing in my picture,” Jeff said. “Nothing can be funnier than that.”

“My hair is sticking up on one side,” Melanie said.

Liz looked at the Wall of Fame. “I have an idea. What if we start a new bulletin board, one for funny pictures? We could call it Funny Faces.” She took a picture from her envelope and walked over to the Wall of Fame. She taped her picture on the blank board next to it. Mr. Mason handed her a marker, and Liz wrote “Funny Faces” in big letters.

Without saying anything, Jeff and Melanie posted their pictures next to Liz’s. Several others added their pictures too.

Liz looked at the photos and laughed. “Mr. Mason, you might want to tell the photographer that there’s going to be a long line for retakes.”



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- a. when her teacher announced that pictures had arrived
  - b. just after she looked at her photo
  - c. just before she looked at her photo
  - d. when she looked at the Wall of Fame board

2. Liz knew that some of her classmates also had bad pictures even before she asked them. How could she tell?

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3. Which words best describe Liz?

- a. somewhat sneaky
- b. proud and quiet
- c. quick thinker
- d. not cooperative

Why did you choose the choice above to describe Liz?

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4. Which word best describes Mr. Mason?

- a. strict
- b. busy
- c. excited
- d. understanding

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## Vocabulary Activity



The words below are scrambled words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line.

Check back in the story to make sure each word is spelled correctly.

1.

c	o	e
l	t	a

\_\_\_\_\_

**Clue:** find; search for

2.

o	e	p	h	h	o
r	t	p	a	r	g

\_\_\_\_\_

**Clue:** person whose job it is to take pictures

3.

a	o	l	s	r
s	c	o	m	

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**Clue:** place for learning

4.

e	w	t	r
s	e	a	

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**Clue:** warm, wool shirt

5.

a	c	p	d
e	i	k	n

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**Clue:** suddenly felt fearful

6.

i	p	d	s
a	l	y	

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**Clue:** an exhibit or visual presentation



## ANSWER KEY



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**They had their enveloped face-down on their desks.**

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  - c. **quick-thinker**
  - d. not cooperative

Why did you choose the choice above to describe Liz?

**She quickly thought up a way for her classmates and herself to add their pictures to the display without being embarrassed.**

4. Which word best describes Mr. Mason? **d**
- a. strict
  - b. busy
  - c. excited
  - d. **understanding**

Why did you choose the choice above to describe Mr. Mason?

**He discreetly told Liz that retakes were on Wednesday. He also allowed her to make a "funny faces" display in the classroom.**

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**locate**

**Clue:** find; search for

2. 

o	e	p	h	h	o
r	t	p	a	r	g

**photographer**

**Clue:** person whose job it is to take pictures

3. 

a	o	l	s	r
s	c	o	m	

**classroom**

**Clue:** place for learning

4. 

e	w	t	r
s	e	a	

**sweater**

**Clue:** warm, wool shirt

5. 

a	c	p	d
e	i	k	n

**panicked**

**Clue:** suddenly felt fearful

6. 

i	p	d	s
a	l	y	

**display**

**Clue:** an exhibit or visual presentation

