Teacher's Guide

The Orange Shoes

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When Did It Happen?
Sequencing

After reading the book *The Orange Shoes*, put the following sentences in the correct order in which they happened.

_____ Papa buys Delly’s Shoebox dinner.
_____ Prudy and the girls ruin Delly’s orange shoes.
_____ Mama says Delly needs new shoes.
_____ Miss Violet announces the Shoebox Social.
_____ Papa and Delly see the orange shoes in the store window.
_____ Delly’s family walk home from the social barefoot.
_____ Delly paints her shoes and shoebox to match.

Design a shoebox that represents you!
ART SUPPLIES MATH

You will discover that art and art supplies play a very special role in the book *The Orange Shoes*. How did the children earn the money to buy art supplies?

Solve these math problems dealing with art supplies.

1. The shoebox dinners sold for the following amounts of money—$1.90, 71 cents, 53 cents, 35 cents, $3.00. What was the total amount of money earned from these boxes?

2. Enough money was collected that each of the 5 children could have a set of paints. How much did each set of paints cost? (You may have a few pennies left over.)

3. Art paper was 10 cents per pack. Each of the 5 children used 7 packs of paper during the year. What was the total cost of the paper?

4. One set of charcoal sticks cost 25 cents. How many sets could the school buy with $1.50?
ORANGE SHOES CROSSWORD

All of the answers to this crossword can be found in the wonderful book *The Orange Shoes*. Enjoy reading the book and searching for answers to the puzzle.

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G ___   ___   ___   ___   ___
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1. Mama made purplish-brown paint from _________ skins.
2. Delly’s shoes were ruined during ________________.
3. Delly enjoyed _______________ drawing.
4. How did Delly feel standing on the stool? _______________
5. Where vegetables are grown ________________.
6. Delly’s pencil didn’t have an ______________.
After reading the wonderful book *The Orange Shoes*, find a friend and discuss the bullying that took place in the story. Think about ways to stop bullying.

Write a letter to Delly giving her some strategies she could use to stop Prudy from bullying her.

Dear Delly,

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Sincerely,
During your school years you will learn many things about math, just as the children in *The Orange Shoes* learned. They learned how hard it was to earn enough money for art paints. You will also work with averages. We know that baseball players have averages, but what does that mean?

An average is found by adding all the numbers together and then dividing by the number of items you added.

Example: \(15 + 80 + 19 = 114\) and \(114\) divided by \(3\) = \(38\), thus the average of those numbers is \(38\).

Find the averages for these numbers. Remember, first add the numbers together and then divide your answer by the number of numbers you added.

1. \(10 + 22 + 31 + 1 = \) _______  your answer divided by \(4\) = \___________

2. \(8 + 4 + 3 = \) __________  average \_________________________

3. \(81 + 78 + 91 + 82 = \) _______  average \_________________________

4. \(33 + 66 + 99 = \) __________  average \_________________________

5. \(300 + 600 + 200 + 400 + 100 = \) __________  average \___________
ALL ABOUT ADJECTIVES

Read the wonderful story of *The Orange Shoes*. Think about the two main characters, Delly and Prudy. What words would you use to describe each girl?

An adjective is a word that describes a noun. Example: The orange shoes were new. Orange describes shoes.

Delly          Prudy

Which girl do you think was happier? Explain

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New Shoes for Delly

Delly walks to school barefoot in the story of *The Orange Shoes*. Read this interesting book to find out why she doesn’t have shoes to wear.

Write the conversation that might have taken place between Delly’s mom and dad concerning new shoes.

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What made Dad see how important the new shoes were to Delly?
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Design a Shoe for You!

When Delly’s shoes are damaged by the other girls at school, she found her own way to make them special. Learn how she did this in *The Orange Shoes*.

Draw a shoe of your own and then decorate it.
In *The Orange Shoes*, Delly loved to sit on the porch at home and draw. Draw a picture of you in your favorite place, doing your favorite things.

Write a short paragraph explaining your picture.

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ARE THERE BULLIES AT YOUR SCHOOL?
Survey and Graph

In *The Orange Shoes*, Delly is the victim of bullying. Read what happens to her and those who bully her.

Is there bullying taking place on the playground of your school? Let’s find out. In teams of four students, go to each classroom and ask students privately if they have ever been bullied on the playground.

Data: Have been bullied Have not been bullied

Use these data to create a graph showing the results.

After each classroom’s survey has been finished, compile the data and make a graph for the school showing the results of the bullying survey. Do this as a class on a large piece of poster board.

Make a plan to help stop the bullying on the playground ________________
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Leaf Printing Project

The story *The Orange Shoes* takes place in the fall of the year. The fall is the time when leaves turn wonderful colors and fall from the trees. It is a beautiful time of the year.

Have fun as you try making a leaf print picture.

**Materials**
- Heavy white paper or card stock
- Paints
- Brushes
- Newspaper
- Fresh fallen leaves

**Directions**
1. Plan your leaf design picture.
2. Keep your paint fairly thick.
3. Brush paint on the underside of the leaf, covering the leaf completely.
4. Place the painted side of the leaf down on your white paper.
5. Cover with newspaper and carefully rub.
6. Remove newspaper and lift leaf.
7. Repeat using various leaves and different colors of paint as you build your picture.
8. When you are happy with your picture, let it dry. Frame and display it.

Use the space below to come up with a design.
Plan a Nutritious Shoebox Supper

Each schoolchild in *The Orange Shoes* made a shoebox filled with a meal to sell at the Shoebox Social. Discover why they did this as you read this story.

Plan your own shoebox supper. Make a list of the foods you could place in a shoebox that would make a tasty nutritious meal. You may need to look at a food pyramid to help you.

Make a list of foods that would not be healthy choices.
In the book *The Orange Shoes* Delly had to walk to school without shoes because her family was poor and could not afford shoes. In the summer it can be fun to take off your shoes and walk barefoot in the dirt. Give it a try!

Write two poems about how it feels to walk in the dirt in the summer. Use a different style of poetry in each poem. Enjoy!

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Draw your feet after you’ve walked in the dirt!
Be Positive!

Have you ever met a person like Prudy in *The Orange Shoes*? Unfortunately most children know at least one person who acts like a bully. Sometimes we even act like that ourselves.

Turn these put-down statements into positive statements by using words like: “I feel,” “I think,” “I am” to start the positive statement. Example: Instead of saying “shut up,” you could say “I’m trying to read, please don’t talk.”

Turn these negative statements into positive statements.

1. What are you looking at? ______________________________________  
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2. You can’t play with us! ______________________________________  
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3. I want that swing! __________________________________________  
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4. You’re stupid ______________________________________________  
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5. Give me your candy _________________________________________  
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6. Four eyes! __________________________________________________  
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7. Write your own example: ______________________________________  
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Prudy the Bully

Prudy was always making fun of Delly in *The Orange Shoes*. She was a bully. Do you know any bullies? Think about ways to help that person change their bullying ways.

Write down all the times in the book when Prudy was a bully.

Make a list of ways Delly might have tried to stop the bullying.

What do you think makes someone become a bully? ___________________

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Design a Modern Pumpkin

The story of *The Orange Shoes* takes place around harvest time. One of the events the school was going to have at the Harvest Festival was a pumpkin carving contest. Times have changed! Be creative and design a pumpkin that is modern. Make it different and have fun.
Art was very special to Delly in *The Orange Shoes*. Do you like art? You need to know about color if you wish to make a pleasant picture.

Draw and color the rainbow below using the order in which the colors appear in a rainbow. Starting with the outside band, use red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

An easy way to remember the order of the colors is by remembering this man’s name. Roy G. Biv.

What is your favorite color? Explain why you like it.

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Fried Cornmeal Mush Recipe

Delly’s family often ate cornmeal mush with maple syrup for a meal. Who is Delly? You can find out when you read the book *The Orange Shoes*. Then try this recipe for cornmeal mush and see if you like it!

**Ingredients**

- 6 cups of water
- 2 cups of cornmeal
- 2 cups of cold water
- 1/3 cup of butter
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons salt
- flour, for coating the mush
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil

**Directions**

1. Place water in a heavy pot and bring to a boil.
2. Combine cornmeal, butter, cinnamon, salt, and cold water.
3. Stir and add to boiling water.
4. Cook mixture over medium heat while constantly stirring.
5. Continue stirring until mixture is thick.
6. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Keep the pot covered when heating.
7. Pour mush into a greased loaf pan.
8. Refrigerate overnight.
9. Cut mush into ¼-inch thick slices. (Make them thicker if you like.)
10. Coat with flour.
11. Cook in frying pan over medium heat. Brown both sides (especially good if cooked to a slight crunch) in oil.
12. Enjoy with butter and maple syrup or powdered sugar or even fruit preserves!
An artist mixes colors together to make different shades of colors and to produce new colors. Did you ever wonder what colors were contained in black? You can find out when you try this experiment.

**Materials**
White paper coffee filter  
Black marker (not permanent)  
Scissors  
Water

**Directions**
1. Flatten the coffee filter.  
2. Draw a large black spot in the center.  
3. Place the filter on a saucer or piece of Plexiglas.  
4. Carefully drip a few drops of water onto the black circle.  
5. Observe the results.

Try this again but this time place the whole coffee filter in a dish of water and see the results.

Observation


Conclusion


After reading *The Orange Shoes*, think about the characters in the story. Imagine what paths their lives will follow. Write a story that tells the future of Delly and Prudy and what happens in their lives.
Today it’s unusual to find children going to a one-room school, but it was very common in earlier times, especially in the country. Learn about the school Delly went to in *The Orange Shoes*.

Make a Venn diagram comparing a one-room school to a modern school. Think about how they are alike and how they are different.

Which type of school would you prefer?___________________________

Explain
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How Is It Done?
Writing Directions

The children in the book *The Orange Shoes* followed the directions of their teacher when making their Shoebox Social boxes. Are you good at following directions? Can you give good directions? Let’s give it a try.

Pretend you have just met an alien child from Mars, who knows nothing about the earth. Write the complete directions for making a peanut butter sandwich.

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Have a classmate follow your directions EXACTLY as written. What were the results? ____________________________________________________________

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What directions do you need to add? _____________________________________________________

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Answer Sheet

When Did It Happen: 6, 4, 2, 1, 3, 7, 5

Art Supplies Math: 1) $ 6.49  2) $ 1.29  3) $ 3.50  4) 6

Orange Crossword: 1) onion  2) recess  3) art  4) nervous  5) garden  6) eraser

Bullying: Made fun of Delly being barefoot, messed-up Delly’s hoes, said Delly was poor and dumb, turned the other girls against Delly

Find the Average- 1) 16  2) 5  3) 83  4) 66  5) 320