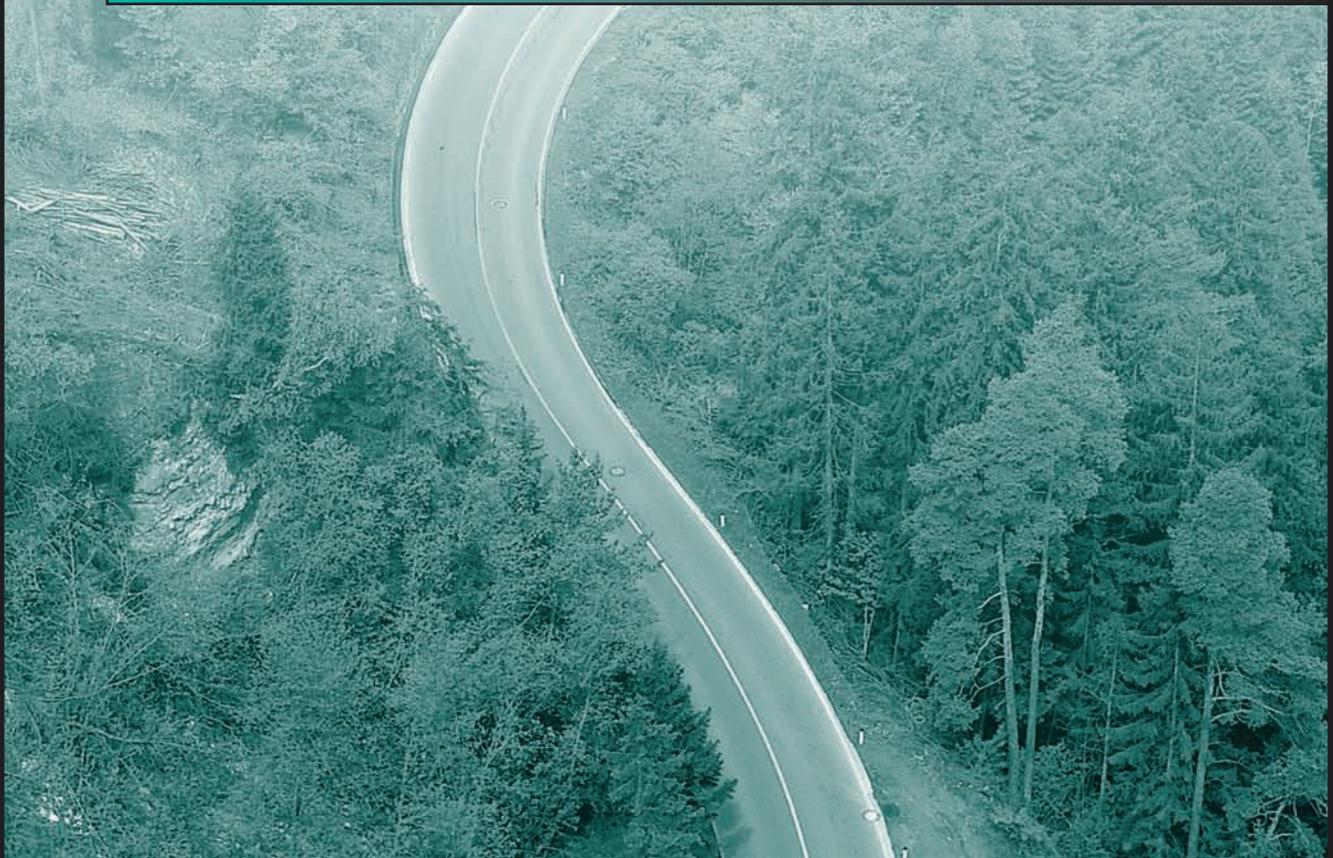


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Lesson

Preview

Read this story about how Armina learns a lesson about friendship. As you read, think about what might happen next. Look for clues and think about what you already know.



Friends Help Friends

Armina had absolutely no patience for Veronica or any of their friends when they were sick. “Oh, come on, Veronica,” complained Armina. “You can’t honestly tell me you’re sick again. That’s the second time this winter that you’ve had a cold. You might as well get pneumonia, go into the hospital and get it over with. You should be like me – I NEVER GET SICK.”

Despite feeling exceptionally ill, Veronica was getting tired and frustrated with her friend Armina’s insufferable claims of perfect health. “Friends help friends,” scolded Veronica. “Especially when they are sick or just not feeling well.” Armina just scoffed and left her friend Veronica to get better on her own.

Several days later, Armina began sniffing, sneezing and coughing with the symptoms of the first cold she had ever had. “I’ve never felt this miserable in my entire life,” moaned Armina as Veronica calmly entered her room. When Armina saw Veronica’s smug face she wondered if she would get any sympathy at all. However, as she remembered how she had treated Veronica in the past, she wondered if she even deserved any sympathy. Now Armina was simply surprised and grateful that her friend had come to visit at all.

Veronica looked around the room at the box of tissues in the middle of the floor, the glass of water on the table across the room and the open book carelessly tossed on the desk. Obviously Armina was not going to get out of bed any time soon. “You’re my friend, Armina,” said Veronica, “and friends help friends.”

1. Predict what Veronica will most likely do next.

- Ⓐ She will leave Armina alone to get well on her own.
- Ⓑ She will tell Armina “I told you so” and laugh at her friend’s misery.
- Ⓒ She will help her friend Armina while she is sick.
- Ⓓ She will go get someone else to come and visit Armina in her place.

2. Which clues helped you make this prediction?

- Ⓐ Veronica believed that friends help friends and she saw that Armina needed help while she was sick.
- Ⓑ Armina had had perfect health and she boasted insufferably that she never got sick.
- Ⓒ Armina was in bed with cold symptoms and felt she might not deserve sympathy from Veronica.
- Ⓓ Armina had absolutely no patience for Veronica or any of her other friends when they were sick.

*Look at the answer choices for each question.
Read why each answer choice is correct or not correct.*

1. Predict what Veronica will most likely do next.

- Ⓐ She will leave Armina alone to get well on her own.

This answer is not correct. Veronica had just arrived to visit her sick friend and she said "Friends help friends" to her, so she probably won't leave without helping.

- Ⓑ She will tell Armina "I told you so" and laugh at her friend's misery.

This answer is not correct. Although Veronica looked smug when she entered the room, she basically believes that friends help friends.

- She will help her friend Armina while she is sick.

This answer is correct. Earlier Veronica had said that friends help friends when they are sick and since Armina could not get out of bed, Veronica could help by bringing the tissues, water and book to her friend.

- Ⓓ She will go get someone else to come and visit Armina in her place.

This answer is not correct. There is no indication in the story that Veronica would ask someone else to take her place. Plus, their other friends might not want to come, as Armina had always been critical of them when they had been sick.

2. Which clues helped you make this prediction?

- Veronica believed that friends help friends and she saw that Armina needed help while she was sick.

This answer is correct because both the story title and Veronica indicate that friends help friends when they are sick. When Veronica saw that her friend, Armina, was sick and needed help, she would probably help.

- Ⓑ Armina had had perfect health and she boasted insufferably that she never got sick.

This answer is not correct because it does not indicate what Veronica might do next, since she believes that friends help friends.

- Ⓒ Armina was in bed with cold symptoms and felt she might not deserve sympathy from Veronica.

This answer is not correct because this clue tells only how Armina feels and does not indicate what Veronica might do.

- Ⓓ Armina had absolutely no patience for Veronica or any of her other friends when they were sick.

This answer is not correct because even though Veronica had been frustrated by Armina's attitude, she herself believed that friends help friends, so she probably wouldn't behave as Armina had.