

RECOUNT TEXT #2: The Big Day

The big day was finally here. I had a sick feeling in my stomach but I knew I had to go through with it. I groaned as I got out of bed and walked slowly into the kitchen.

“Good morning Tom,” said Mum brightly. “All set for today?”

I tried to smile as she made me a bowl of my favourite cereal. I think she knew I was feeling nervous but was trying her best to make it seem like any normal day.

I got dressed and brushed my teeth and hair as Mum carefully checked I had everything packed in my bag. We got in the car and headed to the bus stop.

When we arrived, the other children were bunched in small groups talking excitedly. I gave my suitcase to the bus driver and he loaded it with the others. Mum gave me a quick hug. I stepped onto the bus and found an empty seat.

“Is anybody sitting here?”

I looked up. A boy with a friendly face was smiling at me.

“Yes, I mean no...” I stuttered. “You can sit here.”



He sat down. “I’m Jack Watson,” he said brightly. “This is going to be awesome!”

I looked out the window and saw Mum waving happily as the bus started to move. I smiled and this time it was actually real. I was going to have a great time at summer camp.

1. Who is telling this story?

Mum.

Tom.

Jack Watson.

The bus driver.

2. Why is Tom feeling sick at the start of the story?

he ate too much cereal.

he is worried about going on summer camp.

he had a fight with his Mum.

he hates bus travel.

3. Another word for nervous is

happy.

terrified.

sad.

worried.

4. *This is going to be awesome!*

What is Jack talking about when he says this?

the bus trip.

making a new friend.

summer camp.

getting away from his parents.

5. *I gave her a smile and this time it was actually real.*

Why does Tom say this?

because he had forced a smile earlier in the story.

because he knew his Mum would be sad.

because he saw the bus driver looking at him.

because he thought Jack might move to another seat.

6. What is the main message in this story?

eating your favourite cereal makes you feel better.

summer camp is awesome.

making new friends is easy.

it's good to try new things.

