

# A Sick Day



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you do when your school-age child is sick?

### Definitions:

- Fever – a person’s body temperature that is higher than normal
- Staff – people who work together

## Reading

It is a school day. Ann wakes up her child, Jill. Jill feels hot. She has a fever.

18 Jill is sick. She should not go to school. She needs to stay home and **rest**. The  
35 school rule is that sick children must stay home.

44 Ann calls the school office. She tells the school worker about Jill. The school  
58 worker thanks Ann for her call. Ann asks if there is any school work for Jill to do at  
77 home. “Yes,” says the school worker. “It will be in the school office at noon.”

92 The school staff knows that Jill is sick before the start of the school day. They  
108 know why Jill will not be in school.

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## Understanding

1. Why does Jill stay home from school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What does the word **rest** mean in this story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is the school's rule about sick children? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who does Jill's mom call? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. When and where can Jill's mom get Jill's school work? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: What do you do when your child is sick?

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