Fish in Class

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Practice reading these sentences.

Mr. Lash set up a fish tank.
Derrick’s dad had a fish shop.
Paco picked tall plants and small fish.
Derrick picked ten black fish.
Mr. Lash, the school’s custodian, brought a fish aquarium to Miss Stanton’s classroom. The children watched him fill the big glass tank with water.

Mr. Lash set up the fish tank in Miss Stanton’s class. The class was glad. “Can we help?” asked the kids.
Miss Stanton explained that they could help by putting things in the aquarium.

Tanya said, “We can fill the tank with fish!”
Bob said, “We can fill it with shells and plants!”
Derrick said, “I can get fish.”
Paco said, “I can get plants and shells.”
Miss Stanton asked, “Where can you get all these things?”

Derrick said, “Dad has a fish shop. Paco and I can get fish, shells, and plants.” Miss Stanton said, “O.K.”
When school was over that afternoon, the boys grabbed their book bags and hurried out of the school.

Derrick and Paco rushed to the fish shop. It was called THE FISH SHACK. Lots of fish splashed in tanks.
Derrick’s dad showed the boys the aquariums. He said, “Take your time choosing what you need.”

Paco picked tall plants.
Derrick picked small plants for the class fish tank.
Dad slipped the plants in a bag.
Paco looked in each aquarium. Red, green, blue, yellow, and pink fish looked back at him. Suddenly, he saw something that made him stop.

Paco looked in a fish tank.
A small, pink fish splashed.
A big, black fish nipped the small, pink fish’s fin.
Paco said, “The small fish is sad.”
Meanwhile, Derrick was looking at a school of shiny, silvery black fish. He could not decide which one to pick.

Dad asked, “Can you pick a fish?”
Derrick said, “I pick ten black fish.”
Dad bagged the black fish.
“O.K., Paco,” Derrick said. “It’s your turn to choose. What do you like?”

Paco picked the small, pink fish.
Dad netted a big, pink fish.
Paco said, “No. I like the small, pink fish. The fish in the big, pink shell.”
The shy little fish was hiding in a shell that was the same color.

Dad put a small net in the tank.
The net picked up the fish and the shell.
Dad tipped the shell and the fish into the bag.
Then, Derrick’s dad took something off the shelf. “Here is another decoration for your aquarium,” he said.

Dad handed Paco a small ship. Paco was glad to get the shell and the ship! Derrick was glad to get lots of fish and plants.

Do you think the class liked what the boys chose?
1. Did the fish shop have lots of fish?

2. Did Derrick pick small plants or tall plants?

3. Did Paco pick the pink fish or the black fish?

4. Did the class like the fish tank?
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