

The Confection Connection



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Words to SOUND • WRITE • SPELL

Vowel Sounds

Long

A a
ay
ai

E e
ee
ea
y

I i
ie
y

O o
oo (look)

U u

Consonant Sounds & Blends

sl_

tr_

fl_

sm_

pr_

dr_

fr_

thr_

_er

_ing

_ion

_ions

_lk

New Words

sleek

trim

slim

nobody

lazy

plopped

quite

confused

afraid

wobble

throat

terrible

blurled

chocolate

slumped

dedicated

protested

requires

drastic

giving

feeding

worst

going

death

anything

warned

everyday

examination

inspection

connection

protection

cooperation

affliction

moderation

situation

trepidation

injections

confection

botheration

operation

dedication

rejection

starvation

infection

ruination

part

questions

serious

eyes

only

walk

walks

double

trouble

laughing

person

quite

case

knees

VALUE:

MODERATION AND DEDICATION

Miss Vie plopped Razz
on top of the examination table.
After quite an inspection, she said,
"Razz seems to have a bad case of
the Confection Connections.
The situation is very serious."

It sounded like a terrible affliction to Max. He felt confused. Part of him wanted to know what was wrong with Razz. But part of him was afraid to find out.

Max stared at Miss Vie in trepidation. His knees began to wobble. At last, he blurted out his questions. "Does Razz have an infection?" "Will you give him an injection?" "Does he need an operation?" "Will . . . will . . . will . . . the Confection Connection be his ruination?"

"Well, Max," said Miss Vie, "this is bad case of Confection Connection. But Razz does not have a infection, nor does he need an operation. His situation calls for dedication."

"I'm dedicated to Razz," said Max. "He is my pal. I'll do anything. Just tell me what to do and I'll do it." Miss Vie nodded her head and said, "A confection is a sweet treat, like candy, cakes, and cookies. The connection is, that Razz gets too many sweet treats. Razz is not just a fat cat, he is a TOO - FAT CAT."

"But Razz loves to eat," said Max. "He purrs for an hour after a piece of Mom's double-trouble chocolate chip cake. It makes him happy."

"I see," said Miss Vie. "Razz has a sweet tooth all right. That is his first problem.

His second problem is YOU."

"Me ?" asked Max.

"I just like to make Razz happy."

"Giving Razz sweets is about the worst way to make him happy," said Miss Vie. "Razz is too fat and lazy to have any fun. Max, if you keep feeding Razz like that, you may just love him to death. He will become another victim of the Confection Connection." Max felt his throat get tight and dry. He looked down at the floor. "Oh," was all that he could say.

"If you are going to save Razz, you must feed him with moderation," continued Miss Vie. "He can have two small meals a day. He can eat only the cat food I will give you. You must see to it that Razz gets No sweets."

"No sweets," gasped Max. "Razz will die of starvation. He hates cat food. He will think I'm mean. He will suffer from rejection."

"Food isn't the only way to show affection," Miss Vie went on. "Sit Razz on your lap and pet him. Talk to him. Play games with him. Take him for a walk."

"Nobody walks a cat !" protested Max.
"People walk their dogs, but nobody -
I mean NOBODY - walks a cat !"

"The Confection Connection requires drastic steps, Max," Miss Vie warned. "First, Razz must be fed in moderation. Second, he needs more exercise. You will need to walk him everyday."

"Every day ?" gulped Max.

"But the pals will think . . .

They'll say I'm . . .

I just can't walk a cat !"

Miss Vie looked Max right in the eyes. "I told you what Razz needed was dedication. You said you were dedicated. Can I count on your cooperation?" Max slumped into the chair. "Botheration!" moaned Max. "If it is the one and only way to save Razz." "It's the one and only way," said Miss Vie.

So Max did it.

It took a lot of dedication and protection
from confection. It was a huge
botheration to walk Razz every day.

But after that, Razzle - Dazzle !
Razz was a new cat,
SLEEK, SLIM, AND TRIM.
Now what do you think of that ?

Suggestions for Checking Comprehension Skills Set 12 Book 5

- Level 1 :** Knowledge of Details, Facts and Information
(Who did it? What did they do? Where?)
- Level 2 :** Understanding Facts and Information
(What happened first? Next? Last? When?)
- Level 3 :** Application of Information to Solve Problems and
Predict Outcomes
(How would you have prevented that from
happening? What do you think will happen?)
- Level 4 :** Analyze the Information
(How are _____ and _____ alike? What was the smallest...?)
- Level 5 :** Using Information to Create New Ideas
(How would the story change if...? If you wrote a
new ending for the story, what would it be like?)
- Level 6 :** Drawing Conclusions and Judging Ideas
(Was that a wise thing to do? Why or Why not?)

Sample Question:

Why do you think sweets might not be good for pets?

Conversation Skills:

After reading this book, talk for a few minutes about
about Nutrition.

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