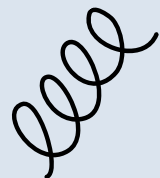


# LEO'S UNUSUAL SATURDAY



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Today is Saturday. Usually, I play  
computer games in my room, but  
today I am looking out the window.  
My family is doing very strange  
things today!

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My dad usually goes fishing at the lake on Saturday mornings. But look! Today he is having a barbecue in our garden and cooking corn.



My mom usually goes cycling in the big park nearby. Today, she is gardening and planting beautiful red flowers. "Can I lend you a hand, Mom?" I ask.

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Arlo is my older brother, and he usually spends his morning tidying up his messy room. Today, he is taking photos of the birds in the tall trees.

My little sister, Lyra, usually plays board games inside the house. Right now, she is cycling quickly around the yard on her blue bike. It is very different, isn't it?

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Grandpa usually works in the vegetable garden on Saturdays. Today, he is sitting in a comfortable chair and fishing in a small, blue plastic pool!

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Grandma usually bakes delicious chocolate cakes in the kitchen. Today, she is sitting on the soft grass and playing a board game with our cat, Whiskers.





Now, Dad is finished with the cooking and Mom is bringing a big, checkered basket. They are setting a surprise picnic for all of us on the grass.

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I am sitting on the blanket with Grandma and eating a yummy lunch. We always get on well as a family, don't we? It is a very happy and unusual Saturday!

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# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1.

**Contrast Routines:** What does Leo's dad usually do on Saturday mornings, and what is he doing differently today?

2.

**Vocabulary Check:** In the story, Leo asks his mom, "Can I lend you a hand?" Based on what Leo and his mom are doing, what do you think this phrase means?

3.

**Details and Observation:** Describe the "unusual" way Grandpa is fishing. Where is he sitting and what is he using as a lake?

4.

**Critical Thinking:** Why does Leo call this Saturday "happy and unusual" at the end of the story?

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## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

**I- Contrast Routines:** What does Leo's dad usually do on Saturday mornings, and what is he doing differently today?

### ANSWER KEY

Usually, Leo's dad goes fishing at the lake.

Today, he is having a barbecue in the garden and cooking corn.





## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

**2- Vocabulary Check:** In the story, Leo asks his mom, "Can I lend you a hand?" Based on what Leo and his mom are doing, what do you think this phrase means?

### ANSWER KEY

It means to help someone.

In the story, Leo asks this because he wants to help his mom with the gardening and planting flowers



## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

**3- Details and Observation:** Describe the "unusual" way Grandpa is fishing. Where is he sitting and what is he using as a lake?

### ANSWER KEY

Grandpa is sitting in a comfortable chair in the yard.

Instead of a lake, he is fishing in a small, blue plastic pool.



## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

**4- Critical Thinking:** Why does Leo call this Saturday "happy and unusual" at the end of the story?

### ANSWER KEY

It is unusual because every family member is doing something different from their normal routine.

It is happy because the family is together, getting along well, and enjoying a surprise picnic.



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