

Improving Your Reading with Sequencing Suki:

Beside the Seaside



Mr Brown, who was the father of Bunny Brown and his sister Sue, was in the boat business in the seaside village of Bellemere. Mr Brown rented fishing, sailing and motor boats to those who wanted them. He had his office on the dock, which was built out into Sandport Bay.

"Oh Mother! Do you think daddy will be able to come with us to grandpa's farm?" asked Bunny, as he and his sister Sue walked along the street. They were on their way to their father's office, after getting a letter from Grandpa Brown.

"Please ask him to come," begged Sue.

"Yes, I think he will," said Mrs Brown.

The children clapped their hands with joy. Once, some years before, they had gone to their grandfather's farm in the country and they remembered what fun they had had. Now they were older, and they were sure they would have many more good times.

"Well, well!" cried Daddy Brown, as he saw his wife and the two children come into his office on the dock. "What brings you all down here? Do you want some fish or is Bunny looking for another big lobster claw?"



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- ☐ Sue Brown
- ☐ Mrs Brown
- ☐ Mr Brown

2. What fact do we find out first in this text?

3. Sum up what is happening in this text in 25 words or less.

4. Number the facts 1-5 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

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| | Daddy Brown asks his wife and children what they are doing at his office. |
| | Bunny asked his mother if Daddy Brown would come with them to grandpa's farm. |
| | The children clapped their hands with joy. |

Answers

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Mr Brown is the father of Bunny Brown and his sister Sue.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Bunny, Sue and Mother Brown go to Daddy Brown's office to ask him if he can go with them to Grandpa Brown's farm.

4. Number the facts 1-5 to show the order in which they appear in the text. The first one has been done for you.

3	Sue asked her mother to beg Daddy Brown to let them go to the farm.
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