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 It was Saturday morning.
 A group of children stood outside the library.
 They were waiting for the library to open.
 Max was staring at his watch.
 Eva was tapping her foot.
 The children couldn't wait to get inside.



- Mrs. Davis was walking by. She stopped when she saw the children.
- "Why are you all waiting outside the library?" Mrs. Davis asked. Max said, "The library is opening a new children's room today."



Linda said, "We love to read. We want to check out the new books."
Mrs. Davis chuckled. "I'm glad to see how many readers we have in town." She went on her way.



At ten o'clock,
 the library doors opened.
 The children rushed in.
 They went right to
 the children's room.
 But they were disappointed
 by what they saw.
 Only a few books sat on the shelves.



Mr. Moore, the librarian, came in. He saw that the children were disappointed.
"The library budget is small. These were all the books we could buy this year. You can take turns checking them out," said Mr. Moore.



Mr. Moore left the children's room.
Linda said, "I have a big shelf full of books at home.
I could bring them to the children's room.
Then everyone would have a chance to read them."



Eva said, "I could bring my books from home, too.

I have lots of books."

Soon, all the children were joining in the plan.

They all liked to read.

They all had many books.



 The children went home.
 They packed up their books in boxes and bags.
 That afternoon, they went back to the library with their books.
 Mr. Moore looked surprised to see all the books.
 The children explained their plan.
 "What a great idea!"
 Mr. Moore said.



- Mr. Moore and the children put the books on the library shelves. Before long, the children's room was full of books.
- "Thank you, children.
 I can see that you really love books," said Mr. Moore.
 "We love the library even more!" said Max.



Responding
TARGET SKILL Story Structure Think about where the story took place, who was in it, and what happened. Copy the chart and add one detail from the story.

Characters	Setting
Max, Linda, Eva	a town
Story Details ?	

Write About It

Text to Self The children in this story donate their books to the library to help other people. How could you help others? Write a few sentences telling a story about what you would do to help others.



Level: |

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Genre: Realistic Fiction

Strategy: Infer/Predict

Skill: Story Structure Word Count: 320



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