**Are You Ready, Sam?**

 The chirping of the bluebirds woke me from my restful sleep. As I slowly woke, I got a funny feeling in my stomach*.* Today, I had to do something I have been afraid to do for a long time.

I went to the kitchen for breakfast. Mom came in and asked, “Are you ready, Sam?” “Yes,” I answered quietly. I really wasn’t! Mom could tell I was thinking about something. She asked, “Is everything all right?” “I’m worried about giving my report on Hawaii for school today,” I said. “Oh, I remember feeling the same way when I was your age. I did not like getting up in front of my class to share. Your grandmother taught me to take a really deep breath before I began speaking. Then, she told me to imagine that our whole family was there in the room cheering me on. It really helped me stay calm. Maybe you could try that today,” Mom said. I went to get on the bus and go to school.

 I entered Mrs. Owens’ class. We said the pledge and then took our spelling test. I looked at the clock. The time was near. I hope I am not first! Mrs. Owens said it was time to begin our special day. Special day? That’s a joke. Mrs. Owens announced, “Sam, you’ll be first.”

I got up slowly, looking at the ground as I walked to the front of the room. I looked up, and everyone was staring at me. Mrs. Owens must have known I was nervous because she came by me, and put her hand on my back. I took a deep breath and imagined that my mom, dad, and sister were in the room with me, cheering me on. It really worked!

I addressed my class saying, “Aloha.” Then, I thought about the fun things I had read about surfing, volcanoes, and pineapples, and I started to talk. Before I knew it, I was telling the class about everything I had learned about Hawaii. It wasn’t scary after all. The class clapped as I finished, and Mrs. Owens was smiling. I was proud of myself. My grandmother had taught my mom how to speak in front of others and not be afraid. Then she passed that lesson down to me. I will always remember the lesson I learned.

Unit 1 Assessment

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recount the story Are You Ready, Sam? using the organizer below. Draw a picture for the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Then, write to explain what happened in each part of the story. (RL.3.2)

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Part A

What is the lesson of this story? (RL.3.2)

* Don’t do things that make you nervous.
* Doing difficult things can make you feel proud.
* School is hard.
* Doing things that you are afraid of is easy.

Part B

Write details from the story that best support your answer for Part A.

(RL.3.2)

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Which of the following character traits best describe Sam?

Mark all that apply.

\_\_\_ eager

\_\_\_ afraid

\_\_\_ nervous

\_\_\_ brave

\_\_\_ curious

\_\_\_ proud

In this story, Sam learned a lesson. Write about a time when you learned a lesson. Include how you felt before and after you learned your lesson. Be sure to introduce your situation and characters, write your story in sequence, and provide a sense of closure. (W.3.3)

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