

The story: The School Trip

Yesterday, Year 3 went on a school trip to a safari park. About twenty children travelled there by coach. They saw lions, elephants and buffalo. The weather was cool and cloudy but it rained at lunch-time and they had to eat their picnic in the visitor centre instead of sitting outside. There was thunder and lightning. Suddenly all the lights went out and somebody screamed.

There were some funny noises and bumps and, when the lights came on again, Sam was on the floor and his chair had collapsed. There were scuffling sounds under the table and two of the other children came out with bumps on their heads. Millie was particularly upset-but she cheered up when some sweets were passed round. Sam's chair was put back together again. Some of the safari park staff came in, the mess was soon cleared away and they all went out to play in the adventure playground.



The role play

One person plays **Person A** and the other **Person B**. The numbers are to help find the discrepancies in the story and do not need to be read out!

A: Did you hear what happened on the school trip yesterday?

B: No

1. A: Well, the infants went to the safari park.

1. B: Really?

2. A: Yes, it was a lovely, sunny day.

2. B: Really? They were lucky! What did they do?

3. A: They told me all about it- they saw elephants and giraffes

3. B: Really?

4. A Yes, and then when they were having their lunch in the visitor centre, somebody turned off the lights.

4.B: Goodness, really?

5. A: Yes, it was awful. It was so frightening that the girls screamed.

5. B: Oh, really? Was it dark for a long time?

6. A: No, not for very long but somebody slipped over on some food on the floor.

6.B What a shame, really?

7.A: Yes, but it was worse than that- some of the boys started to fight and hit each other on the head

7.B: Not really?

8.A: Yes, really — and a chair collapsed.

8. B How dreadful - really?

9.A: Yes, Millie was very upset but the teachers looked after her and gave her a sweet to cheer her up

9.B: Really, that was kind

10A: Yes, when it was all tidied up they got back onto the coach.

10B: Really, it sounds as though they had an exciting time.

Discrepancies

These are the discrepancies between the story and the script.

Question	True/false	Reason
1A	False	It was Year 3 not the infants who went to the safari park.
2A	False	It was cool and cloudy and it rained with thunder and lightning at lunch-time.
3A	True	They saw lions, elephants and buffalo.
4A	False	The lights in the visitor centre went out (not B necessarily turned off).
5A	False	Somebody screamed.
6A	False	Food on the floor not mentioned nor anybody slipping over.
7A	False	No mention of fighting Noises, bumps and scuffling only mentioned.
8A	True	The chair did collapse-it might have been a folding chair.
9A	False	The sweets might have belonged to another child and been passed round.
10A	False	When it was tidied up they went out to play in the adventure playground.