Lesson 15

Vocabulary in Context

- Read each Context Card.
- Tell a story about two pictures, using the Vocabulary words.

**obey**
A careful driver always obeys traffic rules. This driver stops at a stop sign.

**safety**
The firefighter talks about fire safety. He teaches about staying out of danger.

TARGET VOCABULARY

obey
safety
attention
buddy
station
speech
shocked
enormous
attention
Look both ways and pay attention to traffic before crossing the street.

buddy
Never swim alone. Always swim with a buddy, or friend.

station
A police station is a safe place to go if you need help.

speech
His job is to give a short speech. He will talk about airplane safety.

shocked
She is shocked at how hot it is outside. She needs to get out of the sun soon!

enormous
Only the workers can go inside the fence on this enormous work site.
Whether they work in an enormous city or a small town, police officers do an important job. They make sure everyone obeys the law. Some officers work at a police station. Others go on patrol with a buddy. Officers may visit a school to give a speech. You should pay attention to their safety tips. Officers are not shocked by questions they get asked. They have seen many things on the job!
Comprehension

TARGET SKILL  Cause and Effect

In Officer Buckle and Gloria, some events make other things happen. The first event is the cause. The event that is the result of a cause is its effect. Show how the events connect to each other on a chart like this one.

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TARGET STRATEGY  Monitor/Clarify

When you read, monitor your understanding of story events. If you don’t understand why something is happening, stop and think. Looking for causes and effects can help you understand the story better.
Peggy Rathmann’s family had a dog named Skippy. One holiday they were gathered for breakfast. A family member was filming them. It wasn’t until later when they were watching the home movie that they caught Skippy in the background, licking the poached eggs on the serving table. No one had seen it happen. Skippy was the model for the dog in Officer Buckle and Gloria.
What might cause a story character to change?
Officer Buckle knew more safety tips than anyone else in Napville.
Every time he thought of a new one, he thumbtacked it to his bulletin board.

Safety Tip #77
NEVER stand on a SWIVEL CHAIR.
Officer Buckle shared his safety tips with the students at Napville School.

Nobody ever listened.

Sometimes, there was snoring.

Afterward, it was business as usual.

Mrs. Toppel, the principal, took down the welcome banner.

"NEVER stand on a SWIVEL CHAIR," said Officer Buckle, but Mrs. Toppel didn't hear him.
Then one day, Napville’s police department bought a police dog named Gloria.

When it was time for Officer Buckle to give the safety speech at the school, Gloria went along.

“Children, this is Gloria,” announced Officer Buckle. “Gloria obeys my commands. Gloria, SIT!” And Gloria sat.
Officer Buckle gave Safety Tip Number One: “KEEP your SHOELACES tied!”
The children sat up and stared.
Officer Buckle checked to see if Gloria was sitting at attention. She was.
“Safety Tip Number Two,” said Officer Buckle.
“ALWAYS wipe up spills BEFORE someone SLIPS
AND FALLS!”

The children’s eyes popped.
Officer Buckle checked on Gloria again.
“Good dog,” he said.
Officer Buckle thought of a safety tip he had
discovered that morning.
“NEVER leave a THUMBTACK where you might SIT on it!”

The audience roared.
Officer Buckle grinned. He said the rest of the tips with *plenty of* expression.

The children clapped their hands and cheered. Some of them laughed until they cried.

Officer Buckle was surprised. He had never noticed how funny safety tips could be.

After *this* safety speech, there wasn’t a single accident.

**STOP AND THINK**

**Cause and Effect** What do the children do when Gloria acts out Officer Buckle’s safety tips?
The next day, an enormous envelope arrived at the police station. It was stuffed with thank-you letters from the students at Napville School. Every letter had a drawing of Gloria on it. Officer Buckle thought the drawings showed a lot of imagination.
His favorite letter was written on a star-shaped piece of paper. It said:

You and Gloria make a good team.
Your friend,
Claire

P.S. I always wear a crash helmet.
(Safety Tip #7)

Officer Buckle was thumbtacking Claire’s letter to his bulletin board when the phones started ringing. Grade schools, high schools, and day-care centers were calling about the safety speech.

“Officer Buckle,” they said, “our students want to hear your safety tips! And please, bring along that police dog.”
Officer Buckle told his safety tips to 313 schools. Everywhere he and Gloria went, children sat up and listened.
After every speech, Officer Buckle took Gloria out for ice cream.

Officer Buckle loved having a buddy.
Then one day, a television news team videotaped Officer Buckle in the state-college auditorium.

When he finished Safety Tip Number Ninety-nine, DO NOT GO SWIMMING DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS!, the students jumped to their feet and applauded.
"Bravo! Bravo!" they cheered. Officer Buckle bowed again and again.

STOP AND THINK
Author's Craft  The author uses capital letters for some words. Why?
That night, Officer Buckle watched himself on the 10 o’clock news.

The next day, the principal of Napville School telephoned the police station.

“Good morning, Officer Buckle! It’s time for our safety speech!”

Officer Buckle frowned.

“I’m not giving any more speeches! Nobody looks at me, anyway!”

Someone else from the police station gave Gloria a ride to the school.

Gloria sat onstage looking lonely. Then she fell asleep. So did the audience.

After Gloria left, Napville School had its biggest accident ever . . .
It started with a puddle of banana pudding. . . .
SPLAT! SPLATTER! SPLOOSH!

Everyone slid smack into Mrs. Toppel, who screamed
and let go of her hammer.
The next morning, a pile of letters arrived at the police station.

Every letter had a drawing of the accident.
Officer Buckle was shocked.
At the bottom of the pile was a note written on a paper star.
Officer Buckle smiled. The note said:

Gloria missed you yesterday!
Your friend,
Claire

Ps. Don’t worry, I was wearing my helmet!
(Safety Tip #7)
Gloria gave Officer Buckle a big kiss on the nose.
Officer Buckle gave Gloria a nice pat on the back.
Then, Officer Buckle thought of his best safety tip yet ...
Safety Tip #101

"ALWAYS STICK WITH YOUR BUDDY!"
Write a Tip

Think of a new tip about school safety. Your tip may be serious or silly. Write your tip on a piece of paper and draw a picture to go with it. Then write a few sentences telling what would happen if people didn’t follow your safety tip. Share your tip with classmates. CAUSE AND EFFECT

Tell About Changes

Work with a partner. Tell your partner one way that Officer Buckle changed in the story. Have your partner tell what caused the change to happen. Then switch roles. Give another example. CAUSE AND EFFECT