

Fortunately

Based on the book "Fortunately"
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Level - Grade 3-4



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Start out by reading the book "Fortunately" together in class. Good luck and bad luck accompany Ned from New York to Florida while on his way to a surprise party. Students will really stretch their imagination while coming up with their own version of the story!

Lines from the book:

Fortunately, Ned was invited to a surprise party.
Unfortunately, the party was a thousand miles away.
Fortunately, a friend loaned Ned an airplane.
Unfortunately, the motor exploded.
Fortunately, there was a parachute in the airplane.
Unfortunately, there was a hole in the parachute.

- Help students with a starting point by brainstorming situations in the classroom.
- The main character can be a human, animal, or object.
- Students could use classmates or family members in their story.
- Have students write their rough draft on paper and proofread before putting into the Bare Book.
- Have the students present their story to another class or at an "Author's Tea" and invite their parents to attend!

Sample Lines:

Fortunately, school was cancelled because of a snow storm.
Unfortunately, Mom had to go to work so we were home alone.
Fortunately, we like to play video games and watch movies.
Unfortunately, the power went out...