

We Will Not Have Fun!

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Matteo had come to babysit.

"I am too big for a sitter!" Sonja said.

"We will have fun," said Matteo

"We will not!" said Sonja. She went to her room. She stayed there for a long time. She did not have any fun.

Then, Sonja heard something. It was singing. She went to see where it was coming from. There was Matteo. He was singing a song.

"What is that song?" asked Sonja.

"It is a song I made up," Matteo said. "Do you want me to teach it to you?"

"No," said Sonja. She went back to her room.

Soon, Sonja smelled something. It smelled good. She went to see where it was coming from. There was Matteo. He was cooking.

"What are you cooking?" asked Sonja.

"It is a dish I like to make," Matteo said. "Do you want to try it?"

"No," said Sonja. She went back to her room again.

Later, Sonja felt the floor jump. She went to see what it was. There was Matteo. He was jumping up and down.

"What are you doing?" asked Sonja.

"I am having fun," said Matteo. "Do you want to jump with me?"

Sonja tried to say no, but it looked like so much fun. She had not had any fun today.

Soon, Sonja was jumping.

"Having a sitter IS fun!" said Sonja.

Questions

1. Why doesn't Sonja want Matteo to babysit?
2. How does Matteo try to solve the problem?
3. What is the lesson in this story?
4. Why does Sonja change her mind when Matteo asks her to jump? Use details from the story in your answer.

Vocabulary List

Each of the vocabulary words below are used in the reading passage. As you read the passage, pay attention to context clues that suggest the word's meaning.

1. babysit
2. sitter
3. dish

Context Clues

Using context clues from the sentences in the passage, underline the correct meaning of the word in boldface.

1) Matteo had come to **babysit**.

- a. dinner b. buy something c. ask questions d. look after children when parents are away, watch over

2) "I am too big for a **sitter**!" Sonja said.

- a. shaggy dog b. someone who stays with children, caregiver c. couch d. high chair

3) "It is a **dish** I like to make," Matteo said.

- a. a meal or part of a meal, food b. picture c. promise d. mistake