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# The Clear Choice

by Kelly Hashway

Rachel squinted at the board. *Was that a five or an eight?* Her friends copied the math problems into their notebooks, but Rachel couldn't see the board from the back of the room.



"Rachel, is something wrong?" Mrs. Grimes asked.

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wasn't trying to cheat." Rachel lowered her head and whispered, "I just can't see the board."

"Oh, that is a problem. It sounds like you're nearsighted. Do you have glasses you should be wearing?"

Rachel felt a lump in her throat. Her parents had taken her for glasses two weeks ago, but she didn't want to wear them in class where everyone would see.

Mrs. Grimes sighed. "I think I see the problem. You don't want your friends to know you need glasses. Is that right?"

Rachel nodded.

"Well, there is another solution. I could move your seat to the front of the room."

"But then I wouldn't be by Jenny and Amanda," Rachel said.

"You're going to have to make a decision, Rachel. Either you wear your glasses or I move your seat. The choice is up to you."

Rachel turned to look at Jenny and Amanda. Jenny had a worried expression on her face. Amanda mouthed the words, "What's wrong?"

They were good friends, and Rachel wanted to continue sitting by them.

"I think I'm going to keep my seat in the back," Rachel said.

Mrs. Grimes nodded. "Okay, but if I don't see you wearing your glasses when you're copying problems from the board, I'll be forced to move your seat."

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"You look scared," Amanda said.

"I'm not in trouble. I just have to wear my glasses if I'm going to sit back here with you."

"Then put them on," Jenny said with a shrug.

Rachel smiled. "I will."



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**Note from the Author**

**Kelly Hashway**

"The Clear Choice" is based on a true story from when I got glasses in third grade. I was so scared to let everyone see me wearing them, but sitting by my friends was more important to me than letting the class see me in glasses. I hope you enjoyed the story!

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  - c. in the back
  - d. near Mrs. Grimes' desk
2. Before Mrs. Grimes called Rachel to her desk, what two things did Rachel try to do when she couldn't see the board?  
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3. Wh



- d. She does not want her friends to know she has them.
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5. How did Rachel react when her teachers called her up to talk with her?
  - a. She was cheerful.
  - b. She did not speak.
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  - d. She complained.

**Now try this:** On the back of this page, write two sentences that describe what Jenny and Amanda might say when they see Rachel wear her glasses.

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## Vocabulary

Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line.

1. \_\_\_ e c \_\_\_\_\_ n

**clue:** choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_ d

**clue:** unable to clearly see things far away

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

**clue:** spoke very softly

5. \_\_\_ o \_\_\_\_\_ d

**clue:** moved head up and down

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6. \_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ o \_\_\_

**clue:** the feelings shown on a person's face

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_ d

**clue:** closed the eyes halfway to see better

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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**She tried squinting and copying from her friend's paper.**

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