

Dear Dot

Language Objectives

Answer questions about a reading. Give advice. Agree or disagree with advice.



Dear Dot,

I have a question. I asked my sister Matilda to let me wear her blue dress to the school dance.

Matilda's clothes are so pretty, and I wanted to look nice. That night at the dance, Max Dvoracek spilled coffee on me. It was an accident. Unfortunately, the coffee stained the dress and ruined it. Matilda says it is my fault. I say it is Max's fault. Whose fault is it?

Whose responsibility is it to buy Matilda a new dress?

Innocent

1. Why did Innocent want to wear Matilda's dress? _____

2. What happened at the dance? _____

3. What did the accident do to Matilda's dress? _____

4. What does the word *innocent* at the end of this letter mean? Circle the best answer.
a. not ready b. not happy c. not guilty d. not free
5. Write a letter telling Innocent what you think she should do and should not do.

SKILL OBJECTIVES: Reading comprehension; understanding words through context; making judgments; writing a letter. Have students read the letter silently, then independently complete questions 1-4. Correct these as a class. Encourage lively discussion of the proper advice to give Innocent, then have students write their letters giving her their advice.