



MARKET DAY

Woohoo, it's Saturday! I love Saturday mornings because it's **market day**. My alarm rings at 7 AM, but today I'm already awake, so happy to go with Mom. We always try to be there just after 8! Our market is a very **colorful** place. The **stall owners** are busy. They put their things out. They make their stalls bright with many **colors**. Some use their fruit and vegetables. Others show their nice **crafts**. The market is a beautiful place, full of things to see and good smells!

Mom always goes to the food part first. The meals here are all **home-cooked**. They use old **recipes** from their families. Today, Mom wants the warm **soup** from Maria's stall. It's very famous! And next to it, her bright **dried fruit** is a must-buy. It's healthy and very tasty.

My favorite part is the fruit juice stall. The nice lady **squeezes** the juice from the fruit in front of you. So, you know there is no sugar added. So many **choices**: orange, pineapple, spinach, carrots, strawberries, peach. Today, I want the strawberries. "A big one, please!" I say. This fresh juice is my special treat for coming to the market!

After my juice, I can pick another treat. I like the **snacks** they make, in baskets at the back. Many of these snacks remind me of **when I was little**. They are like the food my mother made for our family. And **canned fruit** is also a must for later! I buy a small bag of crispy banana chips. It's hard to choose just one!

As Mom and I walk around, our basket gets heavy with good things. I feel **grateful** for these **stall owners**. They get up very, very early in the **morning**, before the sun. They bring their fresh food and nice things for us to buy. They **prepare** their stalls carefully. They hope to **sell** many things. This farmer's market is like a small family. We leave with our basket full and our hearts happy.

Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the questions about the story.

1. What day is it in the story?
2. Who does the narrator go to the market with?
3. What time do they try to be at the market?
4. What does the market look like? (Give two ideas.)
5. What kind of meals are sold at the market?
6. What two foods does Mom want from Maria's stall?
7. What is Lily's favorite part of the market?
8. What juice does Lily choose today?
9. What do the snacks remind Lily of?
10. Why does Lily feel grateful for the stall owners?

Activity 2: Put the Events in Order

Read the story "Market Day" again. Put these events in the correct order from 1 to 8.

- ____ Lily gets a special fresh juice.
- ____ Lily and Mom leave the market with a full basket.
- ____ Lily picks a snack that reminds her of when she was little.
- ____ Lily wakes up early and is happy.
- ____ Mom goes to the food part to buy soup and dried fruit.
- ____ Lily and Mom arrive at the market.
- ____ Lily feels grateful for the stall owners.
- ____ They see the colorful stalls and nice crafts.

Teacher's Key

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. What day is it in the story?
 - It is Saturday.
2. Who does the narrator go to the market with?
 - She goes with her Mom.
3. What time do they try to be at the market?
 - Just after 8 (AM).
4. What does the market look like? (Give two ideas.)
 - It is very colorful. The stalls are bright with many colors. It is a beautiful place.
5. What kind of meals are sold at the market?
 - Home-cooked meals.
6. What two foods does Mom want from Maria's stall?
 - Warm soup and bright dried fruit.
7. What is Lily's favorite part of the market?
 - The fruit juice stall.
8. What juice does Lily choose today?
 - She chooses strawberry juice.
9. What do the snacks remind Lily of?
 - They remind her of when she was little, and food her mother made.
10. Why does Lily feel grateful for the stall owners?
 - Because they get up very, very early in the morning to bring fresh food and sell their things.

Activity 2: Put the Events in Order

1. **5** Lily gets a special fresh juice.
2. **8** Lily and Mom leave the market with a full basket.
3. **6** Lily picks a snack that reminds her of when she was little.
4. **1** Lily wakes up early and is happy.
5. **4** Mom goes to the food part to buy soup and dried fruit.
6. **2** Lily and Mom arrive at the market.
7. **7** Lily feels grateful for the stall owners.
8. **3** They see the colorful stalls and nice crafts.