

Hot Cross Buns

Read to Remember

Answer Key

After reading the short story below, complete the organizer. Then, use the keywords (wanted, but, so, then) to summarize, or retell, the story in the space provided.

“Oh no!” groaned Kendall, “Why can’t I get this right?” Kendall was a fourth grader at Evergreen Academy, and even though she was a good student, she was unhappy at school. She wanted nothing more than to play the recorder for the school band, just like her older brother. After attending band tryouts for months, she still hadn’t been accepted. Still, she was determined. She practiced the song Hot Cross Buns every night and she carried her recorder with her everywhere she went. Kendall could play perfectly at home in front of her parents, but every time she tried to play in front of Ms. Melody, the band teacher, she messed up. Today was her last chance to impress Ms. Melody.

As she practiced in the hall before her audition, Kendall exclaimed, “I have an idea!” She took out a piece of paper and wrote down the notes for the song. Then, she highlighted C note, the one she kept missing during tryouts. “Now I’ll get it right!” Kendall grinned. She walked into the music room and smiled bravely at Ms. Melody. She set her highlighted paper on the music stand and started to play.

“Bravo! That was the best rendition of Hot Cross Buns I’ve ever heard!” said Ms. Melody when Kendall had finished. “Congratulations! You are the newest member of our band!”

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| <p>Somebody</p> <p>Who is the main character?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Kendall</p> | <p>Wanted</p> <p>What does the main character want?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">To join the band</p> | <p>But</p> <p>What is the problem?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Was having a hard time hitting the C note in the song Hot Cross Buns.</p> | <p>So</p> <p>How does the character try to solve the problem?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">She highlighted the C note before her audition</p> | <p>Then</p> <p>How does the story end?</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">She played well enough to join the band</p> |
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Summary: Kendall wanted to join the band, but she was having a hard time hitting the C note in the song Hot Cross Buns. Before her audition, she highlighted the C note on her paper. She played so well during the audition she was able to join the band.
