

Name:

## Day One

# Getting to School

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ How do kids in foster care get to school? Read silently.

Some kids move from place to place when they cannot live at home. It can take time to find the right foster home. However, kids still need to be in school.

Once kids are in a foster home, where do they attend school? There may be a school close to the foster home. Their old school may be far away. Should the kids change to the new school? Where should they go?

Shane is a teen who moved between foster homes. He has been a new student at 20 schools. He plans to go to college. He wants to be an architect. But he has had trouble in school because of his moves. He had to repeat math because his records got lost. Counselors at his new school are helping him graduate.

In many states, kids in foster care attend their old schools. To do this, kids may need to ride taxis to the old school. They may need to wake up earlier. Or they can stay with friends and teachers they know. They must still arrive at school on time.

Gail Johnson helps foster kids in schools. She makes sure they take the right classes. She helps them get tutoring. Sometimes they also need counseling. She said to the California Teachers Association, “We want to give children stability. They need to fit in and belong somewhere.”

Source: “Foster children: Fostering their success in school,” *California Teachers Association*, November 2012.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Where can foster children attend school?

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How many times did Shane have to change schools?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.