

Improving Your Reading with Sequencing Suki:

The Long Journey



“Mother, how many more stations before we'll be home?”

“Oh, quite a number, dear. Sit back and rest yourself. I thought you liked it on the train.”

“I do but it's so long to sit still.”

The little fellow who had asked the question turned to his golden-haired sister, who sat in the seat with him.

“Aren't you tired, Flossie?” he asked.

“Yes, Freddie, I am!” exclaimed Flossie. “And I want a drink of water.”

“Dinah will get it for you,” said Mother Bobbsey. “My, you are a thirsty little girl.”

“I wish I were home now,” said Freddie. “I want to get my dog Snap out of the baggage car and have some fun with him. He must miss me.”

“And he misses me, too!” cried Flossie. “He's as much my dog as he is yours, Freddie Bobbsey. Isn't he, Mother?”

“Yes, dear, of course. I don't know what's the matter with you two children. You never used to argue like this.”

“I guess the long train ride is tiring them,” said Papa Bobbsey, looking up from the paper he was reading.



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: A family are on a train journey.
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