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A Special Bear in New York

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“Today, you go to school with me,” Molly told her bear and put him into her **backpack**.



“Our class will go on a trip as a special treat. We will ride a **bus** to the New York Public **Library**. We will see something special.”



At school, Molly sat down beside her best friend, Sam.

“What is in your backpack?” Sam asked. Molly did not answer. Sam might laugh.



Molly raised her hand high. “Is it time for our **trip**?” she asked. “Is it time to ride the bus?”

“Not yet,” her teacher explained. “Not until after **lunch**.”

“That is a long time to wait.” Molly put her backpack away.

“It is!” Sam said, and he put his backpack away.



Several hours later, Molly raised her hand again. Her teacher called on her.

“What is it, Molly?”



“Is it time for lunch?” she asked. “Is it almost time to go to the library?”

“Yes,” he said.

“Great!” Molly and Sam said together.

“Now we don’t have to wait long!” Molly said.

