

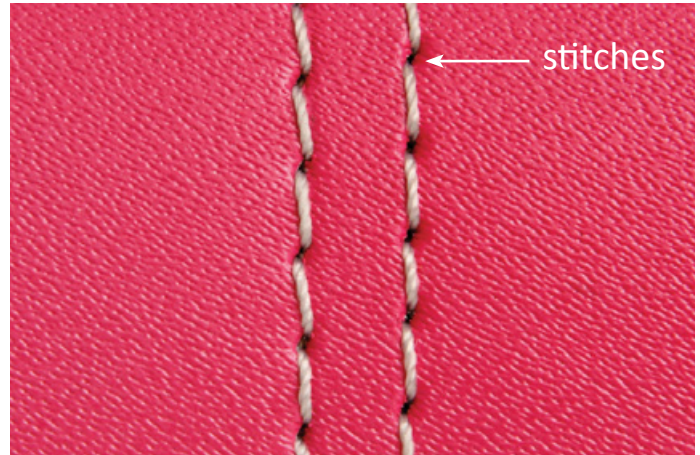
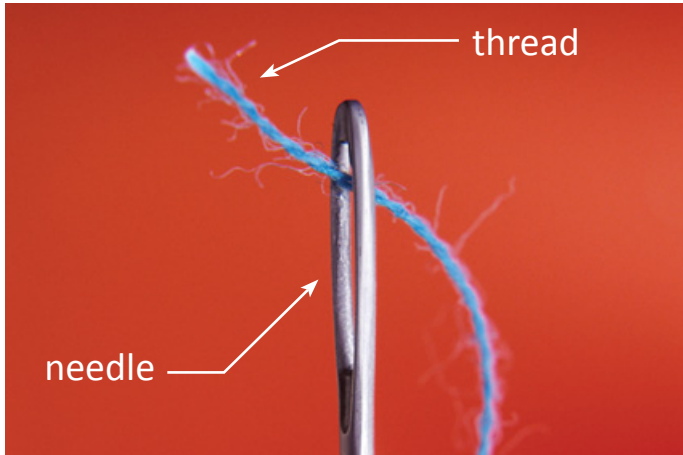
# Back to School 1: *The First Day*

## Listening



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Listen and answer the questions.



1. Why is a sewing machine helpful?
  - a. It is fast and neat.
  - b. It can hold a lot of thread.
  - c. It has pedals for your feet.
2. What is “the eye” of a needle?
  - a. A cloth used in sewing.
  - b. A kind of sewing machine.
  - c. The hole at the top of a needle.
3. How is sewing with a machine different from sewing by hand?
  - a. You use a needle and thread.
  - b. You can sew in a straight line.
  - c. You make lots of stitches at once.
4. How do sewing machines work?
  - a. You pedal them with your feet.
  - b. They use electricity.
  - c. You do everything with your fingers.

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## Reading

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Read about the history of backpacks. Then answer the questions below.

### A History of Backpacks

Did you know that backpacks, like the ones you use for school, have been in use for less than one hundred years? People in the military used different kinds of packs to carry their goods on long treks across rough territory, but the packs were too heavy for most soldiers to use for a long length of time. Then in the 1950s, a hiker named Dick Kelty, who often walked in the Sierra Mountains in



the western United States, decided to create a more usable backpack. He shifted the weight lower, so people could carry the pack on their hips rather than on their shoulders. His wife knew how to sew, and she helped remake the backpack with nylon, aluminum, and other lighter materials. Eventually, Kelty and his wife produced a bag with shoulder straps and zippers on the outside. It looks very similar to the backpacks many people carry to school and on outdoor treks today.

1. How did Dick Kelty improve the backpack?
  - a. He made it lighter.
  - b. He made it smaller.
  - c. He made it more colorful.
2. Who mainly used backpacks before the 1950s?
  - a. students
  - b. soldiers
  - c. hikers
3. Where did people carry most of the weight of the new backpack?
  - a. on their hips
  - b. on their arms
  - c. on their shoulders
4. How did Kelty's wife help with the backpack?
  - a. She came up with the idea of transferring the weight.
  - b. She helped sew it together.
  - c. She tested the new backpacks.

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## Writing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read about Victoria's summer vacation. Then answer the questions below.**

BORIS: What did you do with the rest of your summer vacation?

VICTORIA: My parents took me to see my family in Hong Kong. We sailed across the harbor on the ferry.

(1) We can see all the buildings in Hong Kong!

At night, we visited some amazing markets.

There were many interesting dishes to try! There were opera singers and people selling all kinds of souvenirs. (2) I buyed a beautiful paper fan.

My parents and I learned about the city's history at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

(3) At the end of our trip, I did went to Ocean Park with my cousins. We rode scary roller coasters and had so much fun!



1. What is the best way to correct sentence 1?
  - a. We can saw all the buildings in Hong Kong!
  - b. We could see all the buildings in Hong Kong!
  - c. no change
2. What is the best way to correct sentence 2?
  - a. I bought a beautiful paper fan.
  - b. I buy a beautiful paper fan.
  - c. no change
3. What is the best way to correct sentence 3?
  - a. At the end of our trip, I go to Ocean Park with my cousins.
  - b. At the end of our trip, I went to Ocean Park with my cousins.
  - c. no change



**Pretend it is your first day of school. Write a paragraph about how you spent your summer vacation.**

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## Speaking

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How do Natalia and her friends make a backpack?

Look at the pictures and talk with a classmate.

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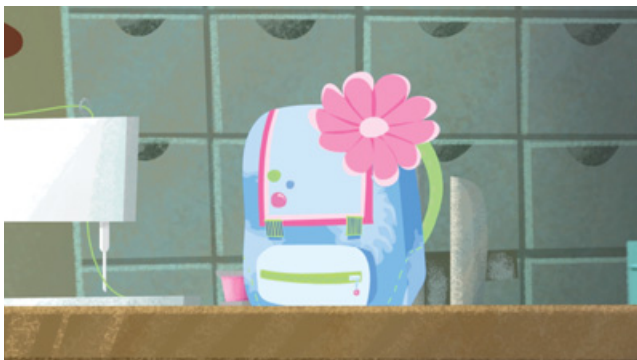
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## Teacher's Guide

### Listening Answer Key

1. a
2. c
3. c
4. b

### Audio Script

NATALIA: Of all the pieces of equipment in my workshop, the most useful is the sewing machine. This amazing machine can sew quickly and neatly with a needle and thread. The needle holds the thread in its "eye," or the hole at the top, and pushes the thread through the cloth and back. That's just one stitch. A backpack might have hundreds of stitches!

If I sew by hand with a needle and thread, it takes a long time. I have to be careful that each stitch is the same length, and that they're all in a straight line, too. With a sewing machine, I carefully push the cloth through, and the needle and thread in the sewing machine sew lots of stitches in a row! People used to have to pedal sewing machines with their feet, but now they're electric. They're easy to use!

### Reading Answer Key

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. b

### Writing Answer Key

1. b
2. a
3. b

Answers will vary, but students should use the past tense correctly and consistently.

### Speaking Answer Key

#### Example of correct answers:

1. First, they measure the length and width of the backpack.
2. Next, they draw a picture of the backpack they want to make.
3. Then, they cut out cloth for the backpack.
4. After that, they add a flower to the backpack.
5. Finally, they put the parts of the backpack together.

