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Level 18

Running Words 455 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Health and Physical Education; Science (Biological Sciences)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 What did Ella make for dinner?

2 What are the 'bumps' on the outside of strawberries?

3 Why did Lucas decide he should try to eat the sandwich that Helena had made?

4 How did Lucas feel about eating lettuce after he had tried it?

Inferential

5 Why did Lucas add, *"But thanks for dinner."*?

6 Why did Lucas put the strawberry slowly into his mouth?

7 Why did Helena smile when she said she grew the lettuce that was in the sandwiches?

8 Why did Lucas say, *"Fresh food from the garden is the best!"*?

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Chapter 1

Green Food for Dinner

"What's for dinner, Dad?" asked Lucas.

"It's a surprise," said Dad, smiling. "Ella is making dinner for us."



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Dad's new friend, Ella, was a chef. She even had her own cooking show on the internet.

Lucas hoped she would make something delicious for them. He liked Ella, but he *didn't* like some of the foods she cooked.



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Ella had made chicken and salad for dinner.
Lucas saw some lettuce in the salad.
He didn't like lettuce.

There were other green vegetables
in the salad, too.
Lucas didn't like to eat green things!

Lucas ate the chicken.
Then he pushed his plate away.

"Why didn't you eat your salad?" asked Ella.

"I don't eat green things," he said loudly.
Then he looked down. "But thanks for dinner."

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At school the next day,
Lucas found some strawberries
in his lunch box.

"Look what Ella has packed for me as a snack,"
he said to his friend, Connor.

"Yum!" said Connor.



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"I don't like strawberries," said Lucas.
"They have funny little bumps on the outside.
I'll have to tell Ella I don't eat food with bumps."



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