

The Ending on the Wall

Eight activities

Activity 1: Remember the story

1. What does Talli see on the wet Thursday in November, and what does she conclude?
2. Write the new shape of the club from the wall, with its times.
3. What is the tomorrow card, and how does it work with the last-question rule?
4. How does Talli handle the midweek review game at 4:55?

Activity 2: Fact or guess

1. Two girls left the club because of sports. Fact / Guess
2. The pack-and-preview becomes the girls' favorite part. Fact / Guess
3. Talli lets the review game run ten minutes over because it is midterms. Fact / Guess
4. The girl who returns finds her tomorrow card still in the box. Fact / Guess

Activity 3: Think and write

1. "The mothers can only see the door." What does Talli mean, and why does it make the noble days the dangerous ones?
2. What is the difference between the extra twenty minutes in Chapter 6 and the usual drift?
3. "It was never the work that needed discipline. It was the ending." Explain in your own words.

Activity 4: Apply it - Mussy's practice

1. Mussy runs a Sunday music practice for four younger girls, supposed to end at noon. It always ends at 12:30, and one father has started honking. (a) Design Mussy's wall: give the shape with times, including a closing routine. (b) A girl is mid-song at 11:50, in the last run-through, and playing beautifully. What does Mussy do, using the story's two tools?
2. The girls beg to run long next week for the recital. What does Mussy offer, and what must happen before the girls tell their parents?
3. "People plan on the stop time." Name one person who plans on YOUR stop times, and what your drift costs them.

Activity 5: Scrambled words (from the story)

1. BULC
2. KAPC

3. RUSTT

4. LARLYE

Activity 6: Word work

Match each word to its meaning from the story.

1. leakage a. put off in writing, not dropped
2. drift b. losing people slowly, with nothing big enough to complain about
3. postponed c. ending later and later without ever deciding to
4. closing routine d. the fixed last steps that make an ending clean

Activity 7: Word search

Find the eight words hidden in the grid. All words run left to right.

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C L U B K V W B F Y
C L O C K M N O R S
P A C K A I Q Z X J
T R U S T Y G H U P
P R O M I S E C D E
E N D I N G K V W B
W A I T I N G M N O
E A R L Y E A I Q Z
X J K V W B F Y G H
U P L M N O R S T C

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The eight words: CLUB, CLOCK, PACK, TRUST, PROMISE, ENDING, WAITING, EARLY.

Activity 8: Your turn - your wall

Pick one recurring thing you are part of - a practice, a chaburah, a family routine, your own evening. Write its wall: start, last-thing, pack-and-preview, done. Then write two lines on what the tomorrow card would hold first.