

# RESPONSIBILITY

My assignment, no excuses, you can count on me  
...good references, good jobs



**Growing Responsible** is the story of Cali taking care of Franklin's prized flowers. Actually, it is the story of Cali not taking care of the flowers and then blaming others when the flowers died. First of all, she needs to learn that to be responsible, she must do the job she agrees to—and not to pass it off on others. Secondly, she needs to realize that if the job does not go as planned, to accept any fault and offer to correct it.

## Under the Hood...

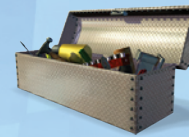
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  - What were some of the responsibilities that Cali had when Franklin was away for two weeks?
  - What was Cali's plan to make things easy for herself?
  - What was the result of not having a plan for watering the flowers?
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  - How do you think Cali felt about responsibilities?
  - How do you think Franklin felt when he saw what had happened to his flowers and shed?
  - How do you think Cali can fix the problem she caused?

## QUALIFYING LAP

Give students the opportunity to discuss the following...

- My favorite part of the story is...
- In this story, I saw an example of responsibility when...
- My favorite responsibility is...because...

Franklin tells us that when we stop making excuses and blaming others, we start being responsible. What was the beginning of Cali's problems? There are consequences for what we do and what we don't do. How do you think someone feels when you promised to do something for them but didn't do it? Has there ever been something similar that has happened to you?



Check out *The Mechanic's Toolbox:*  
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## RACE STRATEGY

### Activities:

- Interview a classmate about responsibility. Ask him/her to define responsible in his/her own words. Ask for an example of responsibility in your classroom.
- At home, interview an adult about responsibility. Ask for their definition and an example of responsibility at home.
- Based on the definitions you develop, do you consider yourself a responsible person? Pair up and share your answers with a classmate.
- In this episode, Cali grew to be more responsible. List three ways you can improve or grow in your responsibility at school or at home.



## PUTTING IT IN GEAR...

With permission from an adult, go on the Internet and find an example of a job application. This could be for a local merchant or service. Look it over and determine if there is a place for a person to show they are a responsible individual. How would you fill it out if you were applying for the job?