Picture Dictionary

A. Reading

Benito is an ESL student at Lakeshore Adult Education Center. He is in a beginning literacy class. Every morning, the students listen as the teacher reads a page of vocabulary words from the picture dictionary. After the teacher reads the words, the students look at the pictures and copy the words into their notebooks. When everyone is finished, they practice reading the words with a partner. Finally, the teacher selects a student to stand in front of the class and read the words aloud. This makes Benito nervous. He doesn't want the teacher to select him to read aloud in class. He is shy, and he doesn't speak English very well. What should Benito do if the teacher asks him to read in front of the class? What should he say?

B. True or False

1. _____ Benito is an instructor at Lakeshore Adult Education Center.
2. _____ The picture dictionary has vocabulary words and pictures.
3. _____ The students play when the teacher reads the words.
4. _____ The students copy the words before they listen to the teacher read.
5. _____ Benito is nervous because the teacher might ask him to stand in front of the class and read the words aloud.

C. Writing – What should Benito do if his ESL teacher asks him to read aloud?

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