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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

The young girl walked on the beach. What did she see in the water? Was it a dolphin, a shark, or a whale? She knew something was out there. It had an interesting fin. She kept her eye on the same spot. Then, from the water emerged the head of a beautiful girl. She realized something amazing. She had just seen a mermaid.

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1. What happens right after the girl saw the fin?

- (A) She knew it was a mermaid.
- (B) She saw a head.
- (C) She kept her eye on the same spot.
- (D) She screamed.

2. How do you know the text is fantasy?

- (A) Young girls don't walk on the beach alone.
- (B) Mermaids are not real.
- (C) Mermaids are not girls.
- (D) Sharks and whales eat mermaids.

3. How many syllables are in the word *amazing*?

- (A) one syllable
- (B) two syllables
- (C) three syllables
- (D) four syllables

4. Which word means *realized*?

- (A) mentioned
- (B) found
- (C) breathed
- (D) understood

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Mom and Dad did not seem normal today. Our routine was different. They both got ready for work while I ate breakfast. They seemed a bit anxious about walking out the door. I got ready to walk to the bus stop. I looked for Dad to walk with me. That is when I noticed the odd object on our lawn. Why were Mom and Dad going inside it?

1. Who is the narrator of the text?

- (A) a child
- (B) a mother
- (C) a father
- (D) a Martian

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) The Bus Stop
- (B) A Normal Day
- (C) A Strange Morning
- (D) Breakfast with the Family

3. Which word has the same root word as *walking*?

- (A) walked
- (B) wall
- (C) talking
- (D) king

4. Which word does **not** give the reader a clue about the tone of the text?

- (A) different
- (B) ready
- (C) anxious
- (D) odd

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Jesse walked down the street and kept his eyes on the ground. "What are you doing, Jesse?" his mom asked. She was perplexed. Jesse kept hopping over something.

"I'm trying to avoid the cracks, Mom," said Jesse. Jesse was trying not to step on each crack in the sidewalk, and it was hard work. He thought something bad might happen if he stepped on a crack. He was being superstitious.

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1. Why is Jesse keeping his eyes on the ground?

- (A) He does not want to talk to his mom.
- (B) He is looking for cracks in the sidewalk.
- (C) He is looking for insects to step on.
- (D) He is trying to be good.

2. Why is Jesse avoiding sidewalk cracks?

- (A) He thinks something bad might happen.
- (B) He likes to hop.
- (C) He is frustrated with his mom.
- (D) He cannot see them.

3. Which root word with an *-ed* ending is **not** in the text?

- (A) walk
- (B) perplex
- (C) step
- (D) work

4. What is an example of being *superstitious*?

- (A) wearing a bicycle helmet
- (B) not ever choosing unlucky number 13
- (C) not watching television for a week
- (D) walking backwards out of a room

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A Magical Surprise

Nate loved his new magic set. He practiced his tricks every day, he knew all the words to say, and he knew how to use his props. He wanted to put on a special magic show.

Nate decided to invite all his friends and family to his show. On the day of the show, people came over to his house. When everyone sat down, Nate started the show. He did three tricks. Each trick went well. The audience was enjoying his magic. Then he took out his final trick. He hid a stuffed rabbit in a big, black hat. When he said the magic words, the rabbit was supposed to come back. He had practiced the trick many times. But this time, it did not work. Kids in the audience started to laugh. Nate was mortified.



Nate held his wand tight. He closed his eyes. He made a wish. He said, "I wish this magic show would disappear." He said the magic word, and then he opened his eyes. The room was empty! His wand was magical. It granted Nate his wish.

Nate was not sure what to do next. Should he tell his parents? Should he wish for a million dollars? Instead he began to worry. He thought about what might have happened to his friends. He was scared for them. So Nate closed his eyes. He used his wand again. When he opened his eyes, the audience was waiting for him. It was like they had never been gone. Nate finished his final trick and took a bow. The audience clapped loudly. His first show was a success. Had Nate really made the audience disappear, or did he just think he did? Nate won't ever tell. A magician never reveals his secrets!

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- (A) I make posters for a lot of events.
- (B) I do not know many of my neighbors.
- (C) I like to imagine that I have secret magical powers, too.
- (D) I think a magic wand is dangerous.

2. What did Nate practice?

- (A) a trip
- (B) a trim
- (C) a train
- (D) a trick

3. What did Nate make using his wand?

- (A) a wind
- (B) a dish
- (C) a wish
- (D) a swish

4. How does Nate respond to learning about the magic of his wand?

- (A) He went to his brother for help.
- (B) He decided to no longer do any magic.
- (C) He thought of everything he could wish for.
- (D) He was worried about people being hurt by his magic.

5. Which gives the best summary of the text?

- (A) Nate was surprised by the magic that was created at his own magic show.
- (B) Nate got a new magic set.
- (C) Nate did four tricks at a magic show.
- (D) Nate made posters for his neighbors.

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Think about how Nate reacted to having a magic wand.



Write about what you would do with a magic wand.

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