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Comprehension QUEST #3



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A Christmas Without Snow

Jasper stood by the window, staring out at the bright, clear sky. It was Christmas Day, but the world outside was dry and crisp. The sun shone brightly, casting long shadows on the ground and glimmering off the distant rooftops. The air felt mild—more like a day in early autumn than the cold, snowy Christmas mornings he had imagined.

Jasper sighed and turned back to the living room. The Christmas tree sparkled with lights and shiny ornaments, its branches weighed down with colorful tinsel. His parents were in the kitchen, preparing a holiday feast, the scent of roasting turkey and sweet cinnamon rolls drifting through the house. His little sister, Emma, was bouncing around, excited to open presents. The house was warm, filled with the sound of Christmas music playing softly in the background.

But despite the warmth and cheer, Jasper couldn't shake the feeling of disappointment. He had always imagined a white Christmas, the kind where the world would turn into a winter wonderland. He longed to hear the sound of snow crunching underfoot as he walked outside, or to see the icicles hanging from the eaves of the house, sparkling in the sunlight.

But Jasper lived in Tucson, Arizona, a place where snow was as rare as a unicorn. Every year, he hoped that maybe, just maybe, Christmas would surprise him with a blanket of snow. But year after year, it was always the same—dry grass in the yard and no snow to be seen. The pavement looked almost as if it had been forgotten. The air didn't smell like winter—there was no crispness, no sharp cold to bite at his cheeks. Even the desert trees stood still, their leaves long gone, with only the bare branches swaying slightly in the warm wind.

"Jasper, are you coming to open gifts?" his mom called from the other room.

Jasper smiled and nodded, trying to push the disappointment aside. He joined his family around the tree, but his mind kept drifting back to the empty sky outside. He imagined the snow falling softly, covering everything in white. It would have been the perfect Christmas, he thought. Still, there was no snow, and Jasper knew he couldn't change that.

As they exchanged gifts, Jasper's excitement grew. He couldn't deny the joy of being with his family, the warmth of the house, and the happiness that filled the air. He had received a new bicycle from his parents, and though it would have been perfect to ride through snowy streets, he promised himself he'd find a way to enjoy it, no matter the weather.

Later, as the sun began to set and the colorful lights on the tree twinkled brighter, Jasper stood outside for a moment, staring up at the sky. Though the air was warm, he smiled and took a deep breath. Christmas didn't need snow to be special. His family was enough to make the day unforgettable.

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 **Short Answer QUEST #3** 
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Directions: Answer the questions to show comprehension after reading the passage.

1. How does Jasper feel about the weather on Christmas Day?

2. What does Jasper imagine as he looks out the window?

3. How does Jasper try to push aside his disappointment about the weather?

4. How is the setting of the story different from what Jasper had imagined for Christmas?

5. What gift does Jasper receive for Christmas, and how does he feel about it?

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Multiple Choice QUEST #3

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- C. Happiness
- D. Confusion

2. What does Jasper wish for on Christmas Day?

- A. To have a Christmas party with his friends
- B. To have snow and a winter wonderland
- C. To stay inside and open presents
- D. To go on a family vacation

3. Where does Jasper live?

- A. Tucson, Arizona
- B. Denver, Colorado
- C. Boston, Massachusetts
- D. Seattle, Washington

4. How does the warm Christmas Day affect the setting in the story?

- A. It makes the air feel crisp and chilly.
- B. It makes the trees look more colorful than usual.
- C. It makes the day seem like a typical holiday in Arizona.
- D. It makes the snow sparkle in the sunlight.

5. What does Jasper decide about his new bicycle?

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