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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

One chilly winter day, Alicia started down the street. She was on her way to the school bus stop. The wind was whipping, and its icy push hurried Alicia along. Then Alicia noticed something on the sidewalk. She leaned over and looked more closely. It was money—a \$50.00 bill! Alicia couldn't believe her eyes at first, but there was no doubt about it—she had found a lot of money. She glanced around. Maybe somebody dropped the money. Nobody was nearby. Alicia wasn't sure what to do about the money, and the bus was on its way. So she tucked the money into her backpack. Then, she rushed to catch the bus. She would decide what to do after school.

1. Why is Alicia in a hurry?

- (A) She finds \$50.00.
 (B) She wants to ride her bike.
 (C) She has missed the bus.
 (D) It is cold and windy.

2. What does Alicia do when she finds the money?

- (A) She decides to keep it.
 (B) She plans to decide what to do with it later.
 (C) She gives the money to the bus driver.
 (D) She gives the money to her best friend.

3. Which word in the text is **not** a compound word?

- (A) backpack
 (B) sidewalk
 (C) something
 (D) whipping

4. What is the definition of *glanced*?

- (A) blinked
 (B) stared at someone
 (C) looked around quickly
 (D) heard something

5. *The wind was whipping* is an example of what kind of language usage?

- (A) alliteration
 (B) a simile
 (C) rhyme
 (D) a poem

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Alicia and her best friend, Michele, were waiting for math class to begin. Alicia was telling Michele about something that had happened to her that morning. "I was just going down the street and noticed this money lying right there on the sidewalk. I still don't know what I should do about it. I mean, what if somebody lost it?"

"Did you see anyone looking for money?" Michele wondered as she considered how to return the money.

"No, I even looked to see if anyone was around, but I was alone," said Alicia.

"The only other thing I can think of to do is maybe talk to the people who live near where you found the money. Maybe one of them lost the money," said Michele.

"Hey, thanks—that's exactly what I'll do!" Alicia said.

1. Which question about the text would help you as you monitor your reading?

- (A) What else was lying on the sidewalk?
- (B) How does Alicia's teacher feel about the girls talking?
- (C) What will Alicia do with the money she found?
- (D) What is Michele wearing to school?

2. What is the setting?

- (A) at school
- (B) at Michele's house
- (C) at Alicia's house
- (D) in a car

3. Which is the antonym of *notice*?

- (A) lose
- (B) ignore
- (C) sign
- (D) see

4. Which word could replace *maybe*?

- (A) definitely
- (B) perhaps
- (C) never
- (D) always

5. What does Alicia's language tell the reader?

- (A) She is angry.
- (B) She is grateful that her friend gave her good advice.
- (C) She is sad.
- (D) She is very confused and upset.

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Alicia got off the school bus and began to walk home. After a few moments, she stopped. On the way to school that morning, she had found \$50.00 lying on the sidewalk. At first, she hadn't known what to do about it, but her friend Michele had suggested that she ask people who lived nearby whether they had lost any money. It was entirely possible that one of the neighbors had lost the \$50.00. Now Alicia looked warily at the house closest to where she had found the money. It was a big, gloomy house with a gray front porch. Alicia had always heard stories about the people who lived there, but she had never met them. She was very nervous about asking anyone there about the money. But she knew it was the right thing to do; she should not keep the money. So she decided to take a chance and go to the door.

1. Which character offered the idea to ask the neighbors if they had lost the money?

- (A) Michele's mother
- (B) Alicia
- (C) Alicia's mother
- (D) Michele

2. How does Alicia feel about approaching the house?

- (A) excited
- (B) anxious
- (C) sad
- (D) enthusiastic

3. Which word is **not** an adjective?

- (A) porch
- (B) big
- (C) gray
- (D) gloomy

4. Which is a synonym for *warily*?

- (A) excitedly
- (B) eagerly
- (C) nervously
- (D) jealously

5. What could the word *gloomy* be used to describe?

- (A) a birthday cake
- (B) a yellow shirt
- (C) a cloudy day
- (D) a bike ride

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ALICIA'S BIG FIND

Alicia was feeling nervous. She had found a \$50.00 bill lying on the sidewalk that morning. She hadn't known what to do about it at first, but her friend Michele had suggested that she ask the neighbors if they had lost the money. The closest house to where Alicia had found the money was a big, gloomy house Alicia had never visited before. It looked creepy, and Alicia wasn't sure she should knock on the door. But she didn't feel right about keeping the money, either, so she took a breath and started toward the door.



Just as she was walking to the door, it opened, and a young woman with a baby came out. She saw Alicia and asked, "Can I help you?"

Here was Alicia's chance. She gulped and said, "I found this \$50.00 bill outside on the sidewalk this morning, and I was wondering if you had lost it."

"So *that's* what happened to it!" the woman said in a relieved voice. "I thought I'd lost it permanently! I was taking my baby to do some errands. The money must have slipped out of my pocket. I didn't think anyone would actually give it back. Thank you so much!"

"Oh, you're welcome," Alicia said, holding out the money.

"Listen," the woman said as she took it, "My name is Brenda Martin, and this is my son, Tommy. Do you live nearby?"

"Just two streets away," Alicia answered.

"Oh, that's wonderful! You see, I've been looking for someone to take care of Tommy two days a week when I go to my karate class. Do you think you would be interested?"

"I'd love to!" Alicia exclaimed. Then, she remembered she would have to ask permission. "I need to ask first, though," she said reluctantly.

"Oh, that's fine," Brenda said. "You can let me know. For now, here." She handed Alicia a \$10.00 bill. "You were honest when you didn't have to be, and I appreciate it."

Alicia smiled as she thanked Brenda and headed home. She had definitely done the right thing.

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Read "Alicia's Big Find" and then answer the questions.

1. What can you predict this text is about based on the title and image?

- (A) finding help for homework
- (B) finding a way home
- (C) finding money
- (D) finding a puppy

2. Why is Alicia nervous about knocking at the door of the house?

- (A) It looks creepy.
- (B) She is lost.
- (C) A bully lives in that house.
- (D) She broke the window of the house.

3. Which purpose for reading is most appropriate for this text?

- (A) to find out what Alicia's big find is
- (B) to learn where the lost and found is
- (C) to know about how big Alicia really is
- (D) to learn how to find something

4. Which magazine article do you think would be interesting to Alicia now?

- (A) "How to Write that Essay"
- (B) "Great New Tips for Babysitters"
- (C) "You Can Make Delicious Pasta"
- (D) "Had a Fight with Your Best Friend? How to Make Up"

5. Why is Brenda glad that Alicia lives nearby?

- (A) She needs a babysitter for Tommy.
- (B) She needs someone to do errands.
- (C) She wants to be Alicia's best friend.
- (D) She wants to find out about money.

6. How does Alicia likely feel now that she returned the money?

- (A) frightened
- (B) jealous
- (C) confused
- (D) proud

7. What is Alicia's problem in this text?

- (A) She has lost some money, but she is nervous about looking for it.
- (B) She and her best friend Michele have had a big fight.
- (C) She doesn't feel right about keeping the money, but she is nervous about returning it.
- (D) She has broken a window and is afraid of what will happen.

8. One lesson Alicia learns is

- (A) people do not want her to be honest.
- (B) how to get to school a new way.
- (C) to keep money if she finds it.
- (D) honesty often pays off.

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