

Reading Comprehension: A Short Story (Grade 3)

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Read the passage, then circle the best answer for each question.

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1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - (A) Grandma receives many birthday gifts.
 - (B) Theo loves to draw dragons with crayons.
 - (C) Mia goes to the store to buy a new crayon.
 - (D) Mia solves a small problem and finishes making a card for her grandma.

2. Why was the purple crayon missing from the box?
 - (A) It rolled under the refrigerator.
 - (B) Mia had lost it at school.
 - (C) Theo had borrowed it to draw a dragon.
 - (D) Grandma had taken it home.

3. In the passage, the word 'borrowed' means —
 - (A) broken on purpose
 - (B) taken to use for a little while
 - (C) hidden so no one could find it
 - (D) bought from a store

4. Where did Mia look for the missing crayon?
 - (A) Under the table and behind the chair cushions
 - (B) In her backpack and her desk
 - (C) In the kitchen drawer and the toy box
 - (D) Outside in the garden

5. What can you tell about Theo from this story?
 - (A) He did not want to give the crayon back.
 - (B) He wanted to help mail the card.
 - (C) He had already finished his drawing.
 - (D) He was happy to return the crayon when Mia asked.

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