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Rory's Wait

by Anita N. Amin

Rory scanned the shelves in her school library. She pulled out a book. "No." She pushed it back in. She pulled out another book, and another. "No, no..."

She wanted to read the book, *Robot Bakes A Cake*, but she could not find it.

The librarian, Mrs. Shah, checked her computer. "It is here in the library somewhere. Maybe someone is reading it."

"I wonder who has it." Rory looked around.

Her best friend was holding a book about robots. It wasn't Rory's book.

Another girl was reading a book about cake. That wasn't Rory's book either.

Then Rory saw it. A boy was sitting at a table, turning the pages of a book. The book had pictures of a robot and cake. "That is the book I want!" Rory said.

Rory wanted to ask when he would be done, but she didn't want to be rude. Nobody liked rushing through a good book.

She waited and waited. She frowned. How long would she have to wait?

Rory picked another book. She tried to read as she waited. She snuck a glance at the boy. He was still reading the same page!

Finally, the boy closed the book. He put it back on the shelf.

Rory rushed over to the book. At home, she savored every word.

"How was the book?" Mrs. Shah asked when Rory returned it.

"Worth the wait!" Rory smiled.



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1. Why can't Rory read the book she wants right away?
 - a. The book is checked out from the library.
 - b. Rory's best friend is reading the book.
 - c. Rory's classmate is using it for a school project.
 - d. A boy in the library is already reading it.
2. What does Rory do as she waits for the book she wants to read?
 - a. She uses a computer in the library.
 - b. She reads another book.
 - c. She talks with her best friend.
 - d. She eats a snack from her lunchbox.
3. How does Rory know if the book she wants to read is in the library?

4. What question does Rory want to ask the boy in the library, and why doesn't she ask him?

5. What important lesson does Rory learn at the end of the story?
Choose the best answer.
 - a. You can make a friend in unexpected ways.
 - b. Sometimes things don't go your way, and that is okay.
 - c. A good thing is worth the wait.
 - d. Hard work pays off.

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

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| 1. | scanned | • | • | a quick look |
| 2. | librarian | • | • | made a troubled face |
| 3. | frowned | • | • | moved quickly or urgently |
| 4. | savored | • | • | a person who oversees or works at a library |
| 5. | glance | • | • | enjoyed completely |
| 6. | rushed | • | • | looked at something carefully |

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In the story, "Rory's Wait," Rory decides that the book she really wanted to read was worth the wait.

On the lines below, tell about a good book you read. Include the title of the book and the name of the author. Describe what the book is about. Explain why you enjoyed reading it.


