

## GRADE 5 READING - FICTION

### The Missing Key

Maddy and Robert were walking home from school, their backpacks heavy with books and excitement buzzing in the air. The sun was shining brightly, and a gentle breeze rustled the leaves on the trees. As they strolled along the path, their eyes darted from side to side, searching for anything interesting.

"Look, Maddy!" Robert exclaimed, pointing at a colorful butterfly fluttering nearby. "Isn't it beautiful?"

Maddy's eyes sparkled with delight as she nodded. "It's amazing! I wish we could take it home."

As they continued their walk, Maddy spotted a shiny pebble on the ground. She picked it up and showed it to Robert. "This pebble looks so smooth and unique. We couldn't take the butterfly home, but I see no reason that wouldn't allow us to take this. Let's add it to our collection!"

Robert grinned. "Good idea, Maddy! We can keep it with our other treasures."

Further along the way, they came across a cluster of dandelions. Maddy bent down and plucked one, blowing its fluffy seeds into the air. "Make a wish, Robert! Maybe it will come true."

Robert closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and blew the dandelion seeds. "I wish for something amazing to happen today!"

Their journey continued, and their excitement grew with each discovery. Maddy spotted a vibrant feather lying on the ground, while Robert found a perfectly shaped pinecone. They carefully gathered their newfound treasures, eager to share them with their parents.

As they reached home, their parents greeted them with warm smiles. "What have you two been up to today?" their father asked.

Maddy and Robert eagerly displayed their collection. "We found a smooth pebble, a colorful feather, a pinecone, and a wish from a dandelion!" Maddy exclaimed.

Their mother's eyes widened as she examined the objects. "These are lovely, but what's this?" she asked, pointing to a glimmering golden key nestled among the treasures.

Maddy and Robert exchanged surprised glances. "We didn't notice that before," Robert said, his voice filled with curiosity.

Their father took the key and examined it closely. "This key looks ancient. I wonder what it unlocks?"

Their parents led them to the basement, where an old wooden chest lay forgotten in a corner. Using the golden key, they carefully opened it, revealing a sight that took their breath away—a chest filled with gold coins from hundreds of years ago.

Maddy and Robert's eyes widened in amazement. "Wow! This is incredible!" they exclaimed in unison.

Now, they understood why they had stumbled upon such extraordinary treasures along their path. The items had led them to the discovery of the ancient golden chest, filled with a treasure beyond their wildest dreams.

1. What did Maddy and Robert find on their way home?
  - A) A golden chest
  - B) A colorful butterfly
  - C) A shiny pebble
  - D) A pinecone
  
2. What does the word "ancient" mean in the passage?
  - A) Very old or from a long time ago
  - B) Shiny and valuable
  - C) Smooth and unique
  - D) Colorful and vibrant
  
3. What did Maddy blow into the air?
  - A) Flower petals
  - B) Dandelion seeds
  - C) Pine needles
  - D) Feather
  
4. Where did Maddy and Robert find the golden key?
  - A) Under a rock
  - B) In the basement
  - C) On the beach
  - D) Inside a flower

5. What does the word "cluster" mean in the passage?
- A) A group of things close together
  - B) A long journey
  - C) A shiny object
  - D) A loud noise
6. Why were Maddy and Robert excited about their discoveries?
- A) They found a new friend.
  - B) They found the answers to their test.
  - C) They found ancient artifacts.
  - D) They found a hidden treasure.
7. Where did Maddy and Robert keep their treasures?
- A) In their backpacks.
  - B) In their school lockers.
  - C) In the basement.
  - D) In a wooden chest.
8. What was inside the golden chest?
- A) Gold coins
  - B) Shells
  - C) Books
  - D) Toys
9. Why did the author choose to write this passage?
- A) To entertain readers with a thrilling adventure
  - B) To teach readers about different types of seashells
  - C) To inform readers about the importance of collecting treasure
  - D) To persuade readers to go on walks and explore nature

**Answers:**

1. C) A shiny pebble
2. A) Very old or from a long time ago
3. B) Dandelion seeds
4. B) In the basement
5. A) A group of things close together
6. D) They found a hidden treasure
7. A) In their backpacks
8. A) Gold coins
9. A) To entertain readers with a thrilling adventure