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Reading Comprehension: The Costume Swap

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Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

The Costume Swap

Two days before Book Character Day at school, Rosa looked at her costume and frowned. Last year she had been a black cat. The year before, she had also been a black cat. The ears were bent, and the tail had a hole in it.

Her best friend, Ben, had the same problem. His robot costume was a box with foil on it, and it was too small now. "I can't even sit down in it," he said.

Then Rosa had an idea. "What if we have a costume swap?" she asked. They made a sign for the school hallway. It said: Bring an old costume. Take a new one home!

On Friday, ten kids came to the library after school. They put their old costumes on a long table. There was a pirate hat, a lion mane, a fairy wing, and a dinosaur tail. Rosa helped Ben fix the robot box with new tape so a younger boy could wear it.

Rosa picked the lion mane. Ben picked the pirate hat. Nobody had to buy anything, and every costume found a new home. On Book Character Day, Rosa roared in every classroom. "This is my best costume yet," she said.

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Circle the best answer. Look back at the story to find proof.

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a) It was too big
b) The ears were bent and the tail had a hole
c) It was the wrong color
d) Her dog took it

2. Why did Ben need a new costume?

a) He lost his costume
b) He wanted to be a cat
c) His robot costume was too small now
d) His mom said so

3. Where did the costume swap happen?

a) In the library after school
b) At Rosa's house
c) At a store
d) In the park

4. Which costume did Rosa pick at the swap?

a) The pirate hat
b) The fairy wing
c) The dinosaur tail
d) The lion mane

5. How did Rosa solve her problem? Write 1-2 sentences.

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Correct answers with supporting evidence from the story.

1. What was wrong with Rosa's cat costume?

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2. Why did Ben need a new costume?

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3. Where did the costume swap happen?

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4. Which costume did Rosa pick at the swap?

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d) The lion mane (Evidence: "Rosa picked the lion mane.")

5. How did Rosa solve her problem? Write 1-2 sentences.

Sample answer: Rosa had the idea for a costume swap, so kids traded old costumes and she got a lion costume without buying anything.