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The Night the Lights Went Out

Grades 3-4

Fiction

- 1 The storm had been growling all evening. Just as Dev sat down to finish his video game, the house went dark with a soft click. The refrigerator stopped humming, and the whole street disappeared into blackness.
- 2 "Power outage," said Mom, switching on a flashlight. Dev groaned. No game, no internet, no TV. The night stretched ahead of him like a long, empty hallway.
- 3 His little sister, Asha, was frightened by the thunder. Dev remembered how Dad used to make shadow puppets when they were small. He propped the flashlight on a pile of books and held up his hands. A wobbly rabbit appeared on the wall, then a barking dog, then a very strange giraffe.
- 4 Asha giggled. Soon Mom joined in with a flapping eagle. They found a deck of cards and played until the candles burned low. Mom told them stories about growing up in a village where the power went out almost every week.
- 5 At ten o'clock, the lights flickered back on. The refrigerator hummed and the video game screen glowed. But nobody moved. "One more round?" asked Asha. Dev shuffled the cards.

Draw your favorite part of the story.

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Questions: The Night the Lights Went Out

Read the passage again if you need to. Circle the best answer.

1. What caused the power to go out?

☐ a A storm

☐ c Dev's video game

☐ b A broken refrigerator

☐ d Mom turned it off

2. How did Dev help Asha feel less scared?

☐ a He played a video game

☐ c He called Dad

☐ b He made shadow puppets

☐ d He turned on the TV

3. How did Dev feel at the beginning of the outage?

☐ a Excited

☐ c Brave

☐ b Disappointed

☐ d Sleepy

4. Why didn't anyone move when the power came back?

☐ a They were asleep

☐ c The game was broken

☐ b They were enjoying the time together

☐ d They were scared

5. How did Dev change from the beginning to the end of the story?

Reading Comprehension: Answer Key

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1. a) A storm
2. b) He made shadow puppets
3. b) Disappointed
4. b) They were enjoying the time together
5. Sample answer: At first he was upset about losing his game, but by the end he was enjoying playing cards with his family and did not want to stop.