Helping Hally

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Read the passage **twice**: once to enjoy it, and once to look for details. Then answer the questions. Look back at the text to **prove** your answers.

Tip: Underline the sentence in the passage that helps you answer each question.

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Hally had practised for weeks to play the Queen of the Forest in the class play. She knew every line by heart. But on Monday morning, she slipped on an icy step and sprained her ankle.

When she came to school on crutches, her friends gathered around. "Can you still be in the play?" asked Theo. Hally shook her head sadly. "The Queen has to walk across the whole stage and climb the castle steps. I can't do that now."

At recess, Theo, Priya and Sam held a secret meeting under the slide. "We have to help Hally," Priya said. "She has worked harder than anyone."

They came up with a plan. Theo's family had an old wagon. Sam and Priya painted it gold and covered it with paper flowers. Theo made a sign that said ROYAL CARRIAGE. Their teacher, Mr. Ortiz, helped them change the play so the Queen could sit on her throne instead of climbing steps.

On the night of the play, two forest guards pulled Hally onto the stage in her shining carriage. The audience clapped before she even said a word. Hally spoke her lines loudly and clearly, and she smiled the whole time.

After the play, Hally hugged her friends. "That was the best play ever," she said, "because you made it happen."

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Circle the best answer.

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(b) She slipped on an icy step.
(c) She tripped on stage.

3. What did the friends turn Theo's wagon into?

(a) A royal carriage
(b) A boat
(c) A castle

4. What is the main message of the story?

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(b) Plays are boring.
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2. Write your answer

Answer in complete sentences. Use details from the text.

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Answer Key

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Sample answers. Students' wording will vary.

1. **Why did Hally think she could not be in the play?**
   The Queen had to walk across the stage and climb the castle steps, and she could not do that with a sprained ankle.
2. **How did Mr. Ortiz help?**
   He changed the play so the Queen could sit on her throne instead of climbing steps.
3. **What words describe Hally's friends? Explain with details.**
   They are kind and creative. They held a meeting, painted a wagon and made a royal carriage so Hally could be in the play.