My New Scooter

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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On my birthday, I opened a long, flat box and found a shiny blue scooter inside. It had glowing wheels that lit up when they spun. I wanted to ride it right away!

"Not without your helmet, Nadia," Mom said. She handed me a helmet, knee pads and elbow pads. I groaned. "They make me look silly," I said. But Mom just pointed at the door, so I put them on.

At first, riding was harder than I thought. I put one foot on the deck and pushed with the other. The scooter wobbled, and I hopped off. I tried again and again. Slowly, I learned to keep my balance and glide.

By the end of the week, I could ride all the way down our street. One afternoon, I was going fast when my front wheel hit a crack in the sidewalk. I flew forward and landed on my knees and elbows.

I sat up, ready to cry. Then I looked down. My knee pads and elbow pads were scratched, but my knees and elbows were fine. My helmet had a scrape on the side too.

Mom ran over. "Are you okay?" she asked. I nodded slowly. "I guess the silly pads aren't so silly after all," I said.

Now I never ride without my safety gear, and I watch out for cracks in the sidewalk. My scooter is still my favourite present ever.

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Circle the best answer.

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(b) Mom
(c) A friend

2. What was special about the scooter's wheels?

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(b) They were square.
(c) They were very big.

3. What caused Nadia to fall?

(a) Her front wheel hit a crack in the sidewalk.
(b) A dog ran in front of her.
(c) She was riding in the rain.

4. Why wasn't Nadia hurt when she fell?

(a) She landed on grass.
(b) She was wearing her safety gear.
(c) She was going slowly.

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. **How did Nadia feel about her safety gear at the beginning and at the end?**
   At the beginning she thought it looked silly. At the end she realized it protected her and she never rides without it.
2. **How did Nadia learn to ride? Use details.**
   She pushed with one foot, wobbled and hopped off, and kept trying until she could balance and glide.
3. **What two things does Nadia do now to stay safe?**
   She always wears her safety gear and watches out for cracks in the sidewalk.