READING COMPREHENSION • YEAR 5

Fiction Text with Multiple Choice Questions

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Read the story carefully. Then circle the letter of the best answer for each question.

Read the story

The Lantern in the Hall

On Friday evening, Maya was helping to prepare the village hall for its winter concert. Outside, rain tapped at the windows. The chairs were in neat rows, and the last cakes had been set out on a table. Just as the first guests arrived, the lights blinked twice and went out.

While Mr Evans, the caretaker, checked the fuse box, Maya remembered a battery lantern in a cupboard. She switched it on and placed it by the entrance. Then she heard a faint scratching near the side door. Muddy pawprints led to a stack of chairs, where Pip, a small spaniel, was curled up and trembling. A strip of red ribbon had caught his collar on a chair leg.

Maya crouched down and spoke softly. She offered Pip a biscuit from the table, then called Mr Evans to help free the ribbon. A moment later, Mrs Patel hurried in. She had brought Pip with her, but a gust of wind had pushed the door open and he had slipped inside. Soon the lights came back on. Pip settled beside Maya as the concert began, and she smiled: the evening had not gone quite to plan, but everyone was safe.

Choose the best answer

1 **Where was the winter concert taking place?**

(A) At the village hall
(B) At Maya’s school
(C) At the library
(D) At Mrs Patel’s house

2 **What happened just before Maya fetched the lantern?**

(A) The guests went home
(B) The lights went out
(C) The cakes were dropped
(D) The concert began

3 **What first helped Maya find Pip?**

(A) A bark from the entrance
(B) A note on the door
(C) Scratching and muddy pawprints
(D) Mrs Patel calling his name

4 **Why did Maya crouch and speak softly to Pip?**

(A) She did not want to frighten him
(B) She could not reach the chairs
(C) She thought he was asleep
(D) She was trying to hide from Mr Evans

5 **Which words best describe Maya when she found Pip?**

(A) Observant and calm
(B) Impatient and cross
(C) Shy and forgetful
(D) Excited and careless