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Fixing My Sister's Bike

Comprehension Questions

1. What keeps falling off Ariel's bicycle?
 - A. the front wheel
 - B. the back wheel
 - C. the reflector
 - D. the seat

2. The narrator is the person who is telling the story. In this story, the narrator is Ariel's sibling. How does the narrator finally solve the problem of the reflector falling off Ariel's bike?
 - A. by taking Ariel's bike to a repair shop
 - B. by tying the reflector on with some rope from a closet
 - C. by asking her dad to fix the reflector by himself
 - D. by gluing the reflector on with help from her dad

3. Rope does not keep the reflector on the bike as well as glue does.

What evidence from the passage supports this statement?

- A. The main character's father helps her glue the reflector onto the bike after the reflector falls off a second time.
- B. After the reflector is tied onto the bike with rope, it stays on when Ariel rides down the sidewalk.
- C. After the reflector is tied onto the bike with rope, it stays on when Ariel rides over a bump.
- D. The reflector falls off after being tied onto the bike, but it does not fall off after being glued on.

4. Why does Ariel give the narrator a hug at the end of the story?

- A. Ariel is upset about how long it has taken to fix the bike.
- B. Ariel is happy that her sister has fixed the bike.
- C. Ariel is excited to take her bike to a repair shop.
- D. Ariel is confused because she does not understand how her sister fixed the bike.

5. What is this story mainly about?

- A. two sisters who do not get along until their dad makes them be nice to each other
- B. a bike that is unsafe to ride because it is falling apart
- C. a problem with a bike and what the main character does to solve it
- D. a girl whose bike breaks and what happens when she takes it to a repair shop

6. Read the following sentence: “Last week, the red, shiny **reflector** came off my sister’s bicycle seat.”

What does the word **reflector** mean?

- A. a wheel that turns very slowly
- B. something that shines when light hits it
- C. a type of metal that is worth a lot of money
- D. a safety pad that someone riding a bicycle wears

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

The narrator tries fixing the reflector with glue _____ rope does not work.

- A. after
- B. although
- C. before
- D. so

8. What causes the reflector to fall off Ariel’s bike after it has been tied on with rope?

9. What are the three bike riding conditions that the narrator has Ariel recreate after gluing the reflector on Ariel’s bike?

10. Why is recreating these conditions important to the narrator’s experiment?

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