

The Lost Mitten

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 It was a **frigid** morning. The air was so cold that Ben could see his breath. He put on his coat, his hat, and one red mitten. Where was the other one?
- 2 Ben looked under his bed and in his backpack. No mitten. He felt **glum**. He hung his head and did not smile. Grandma had made those mittens just for him.
- 3 Ben **trudged** to the bus stop. He walked slowly with heavy steps through the deep snow. His bare hand was stuffed in his pocket.
- 4 Then Ben **spotted** something red on top of a snowman. He saw it from across the street! His little sister had given the snowman a hat. It was the mitten. Ben was **relieved**. He was not worried anymore. He laughed and pulled the mitten back on.



The Lost Mitten: Questions

The words near a new word are clues. Underline each clue in the color shown.

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red

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- ☐ very sunny
- ☐ very early

2. In paragraph 2, what does glum mean?

orange

- ☐ hungry
- ☐ sad
- ☐ silly

3. In paragraph 3, what does trudged mean?

yellow

- ☐ ran fast
- ☐ rode a bike
- ☐ walked slowly with heavy steps

4. In paragraph 4, what does spotted mean?

green

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- ☐ lost
- ☐ threw

5. What does relieved mean? Write the words from the story that helped you.

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Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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Relieved means glad that a worry is over. Clue: “He was not worried anymore.”

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Answers will vary. Example: I felt glum when the rain canceled our picnic.