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PRACTICE 007

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, in a small village in Africa, lived a man named Mufa and his two daughters. They were Maya and Nasha. Everyone praised them for their beauty.

However, that was the only trait that the girls shared. Maya had a bad temper. She constantly teased her sister behind their father'sback. She always boasted that she would become a queen one day and that Nasha would be her servant. Nasha always responded in a kind manner.

One day, Nasha noticed a small garden snake in the garden. "Good day, Snaky. I am glad to see you here. You will keep all the pests away from my vegetables." From then on, both of them would meet daily. Nasha would sing sweetly to Snaky.

Early one morning, a messenger from the grand palace arrived. He announced, "All the most worthy and beautiful maidens in the land are invited to appear before the King tomorrow night. One of them will become Queen!"

Mufa excitedly informed his daughters that he was taking them to the palace. That night, Maya sneaked out, as she wanted to be the first lady to see the King. When she arrived at the entrance of the palace, she met the garden snake.

"Move!" Maya kicked the snake away and rushed into the palace. However, she did not meet the king. Instead, she was thrown into the dungeons.

The next day, Mufa and Nasha arrived at the palace entrance. They met Snaky. Nasha beamed and gave Snaky a hug. Surprisingly, Snaky turned into a handsome young man.

"I am the king, but you know me best as Snaky. You have proven to be the most worthy and beautiful maiden in the land. Please be my queen!"

Adapted from Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptol

1. How are the two sisters, Maya and Nasha, similar?

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2. Which four-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells us that Mufa did not know that Maya was mean to Nasha?

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3. What did Maya like to say about the future?

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4.

Situation	**How the character felt**	**Why the character felt this way**
Nasha saw a snake in the garden.	a)	b)
Maya saw a snake at the entrance of the palace.	c)	d)

5. Why was Maya thrown into the dungeons?

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6. The King said that Nasha was the most worthy maiden to be his queen.

a) Use an adjective to describe Nasha's character in the box below.

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b) What did Nasha do that tells us about her character in (a)?

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(Sourced from school-based assessment)

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