

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

The Book, The Girl, and the Closet

Brie liked to listen to stories. She liked all kinds of different stories. She liked it most when she found someone to read to her, because Brie did not like to read.

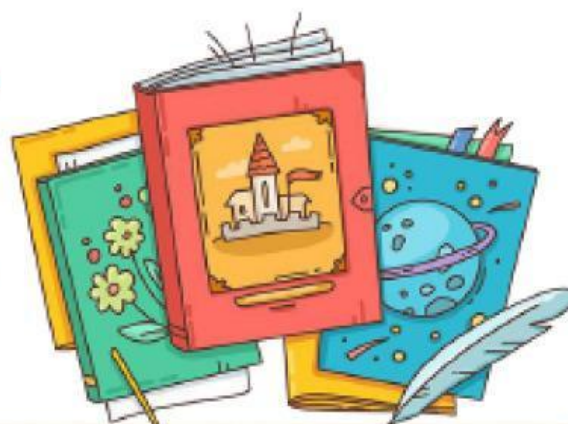
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe was Brie's favorite book. She liked to pretend, and act out parts of the story. One day, she noticed the size of the closet while playing in the spare bedroom. The closet was big enough for her to walk into and turn around.

"A closet is like a wardrobe," Brie thought. She wondered if she could turn it into a make-believe wardrobe. She decided to ask.

"Well, you're right, nobody ever uses it," Mom said. "What do you want to use it for?"

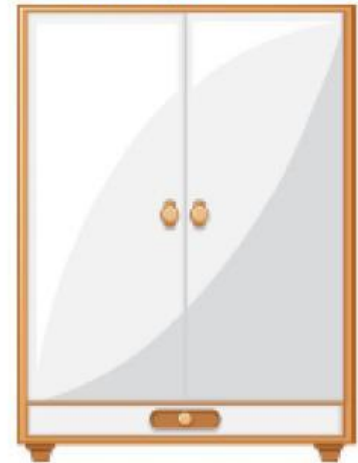
"I want to pretend it's the wardrobe in the story," Brie replied.

"It's alright with me, but you'll have to ask your dad," Mom said.



As it turned out, Brie's dad did not mind her using the closet either. He did ask her to wait until he had time to fix the doorknob. Her dad worried she might get locked inside the closet by accident.

"I know, Dad" Brie said. "It's foolish to shut oneself inside a wardrobe...or a closet."



Soon after he fixed the doorknob, Brie's dad found some left-over paint. On the weekend, he helped her paint the walls inside the closet. The green paint made Brie think of the forest in the story.

Brie's mom found her a thick, white rug that fit inside the closet. Her sister found her a fluffy, white pillow to sit on. Brie thought all the white looked like the snow in the story.

Brie's brother gave her his camping light. The light worked inside the closet because it did not need to be plugged in. Her dad hung it in from the shelf, so it looked like the street lamp in the story.

Brie bought a poster of a lion to hang on the closet wall. She thought the lion on the poster looked like the lion in the book. Brie liked the lion's character the best. Now the closet looked like a make-believe wardrobe.

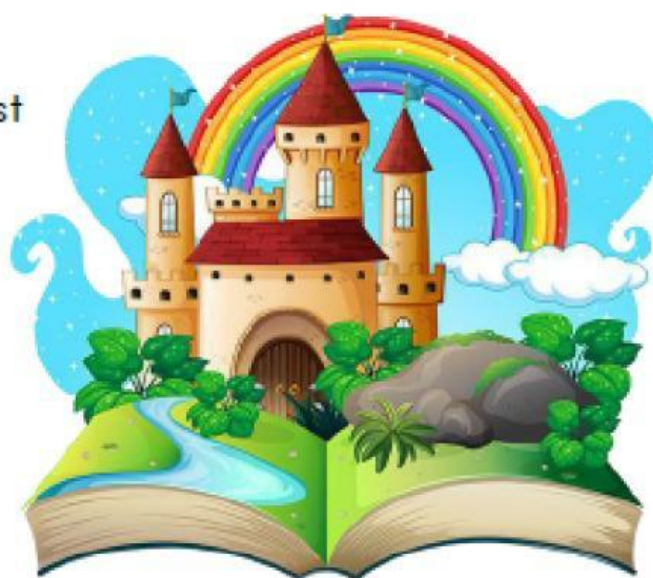
That night, Brie asked her dad to read her favorite story. She wanted him to read it to her while inside her make-believe wardrobe. "The closet is not big enough for two," her dad explained. "It's your play space."

She invited her mom inside the make-believe wardrobe to read to her. "The closet is not big enough for two," Brie's mom explained. "It's your play space."

Her sister and brother also agreed that the make-believe wardrobe was too small for two. Brie sat alone on the fluffy, white pillow with her favorite book in her lap. She opened the book to look at the pictures. As she turned the pages, she began to read the story.

"Time for bed," Dad said as he knocked on the closet door. Lost in the make-believe world of the story, Brie forgot how much she did not like to read.

"Please Dad, just five more minutes," Brie said.



Exercises:

1. Number the events in order.

- _____ Brie's dad helped her paint the closet walls.
- _____ Brie's brother gave her his camping light.
- _____ Brie's dad fixed the doorknob.
- _____ Brie got lost in the make-believe world of the story.
- _____ Brie's sister found her a fluffy pillow to sit on.

2. Multiple Choice

What color did Brie and her dad paint the closet walls?

- a. purple
- b. yellow
- c. green
- d. blue

What color pillow did Brie's sister find?

- a. white
- b. brown
- c. green
- d. black

What did Brie think the camping light looked like?

- a. The moon
- b. A star
- c. The sun
- d. A street lamp

What animal was on the poster Brie hung in the closet?

- a. A giraffe
- b. A dog
- c. A lion
- d. A bird

3. Do you prefer to listen to stories or to read stories? Give one reason for your answer.

4. Think about your favorite book. Explain why it is your favorite.