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"I saw it first," Ashleigh said as she ripped the old leather wallet from Andrew's hands by herself.

Without saying a word, as if they themselves understood that this was a secret, they didn't want to share with anyone; they slipped into the alleyway, where no one could see them look inside.

"There's got to be a million dollars here!" Andrew blurted out when they saw the pile of 100-dollar bills.

Ashleigh, the more realistic of the two, did a quick estimate, thumbing through the wad of cash. "More like thousands," she said, her voice shaking.

They'd found the wallet themselves in a flowerbed on the sidewalk when Andrew dropped his cell phone while he was trying to talk and eat a slice of pepperoni pizza at the same time. As they rushed toward Viceroy Avenue, they talked about what they could do with the money-download music, get new clothes, travel to the rainforest in Costa Rica, adopt a whale. It looked like all their dreams could come true.

They finally reached Ashleigh's house, but instead of going inside, they walked around the house to the back porch. Then they both started talking at once. "I wonder who lost it." Their moods shifted, sinking from the thrill of being rich for 15 minutes to worrying about what to do next. The total was $2,400 - more money than they had ever seen. In a clear plastic compartment, there was a driver's license.

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1. **Which statement best describes the main idea of this passage?**

- ○ Two friends find a wallet and try to decide what to do next.
- ○ A sister and brother talk about their dreams for the future.
- ○ Two people have a secret and don't want to share it with anyone.
- ○ Someone drops a wallet on the sidewalk and can't find it.

2. **Read this sentence from the passage:**

"Ashleigh, the more realistic of the two, did a quick estimate, thumbing through the wad of cash."

In this sentence, the word realistic means _____.

- ○ seeing things as they really are
- ○ having an adventurous spirit
- ○ knowing how to hold a conversation
- ○ being older, and having more experience

3. **At the end of the story, Ashleigh and Andrew start to wonder who lost the wallet, and their "moods shifted." How do you know what they might do next? Give an example from the text to support your answer.**

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