

THE SUITCASE PROBLEM

Read the story. Write some words to complete the sentences about the story. Use 1, 2 or 3 words.

Amy was very excited because her family was going on holiday to the beach. The trip would last only five days, but she wanted to take almost everything she owned.

Amy opened her suitcase and started packing. First, she put in three T-shirts, two pairs of shorts, and a swimsuit. Then she added a dress, a skirt, and a pair of sandals.

Her mother looked into the suitcase. "That's enough clothes," she said.

But Amy did not agree. "What if it rains?" she asked. So she packed a raincoat and some boots.

"What if it gets cold?" she asked next. So she packed a sweater, a jacket, a scarf, and some gloves. Soon the suitcase was completely full.

On the morning of the trip, Amy tried to close the suitcase. She sat on it. She pushed it. She even asked her brother to help.

Click! The suitcase finally closed.

At the airport, Amy felt very proud. However, when the family arrived at their hotel, she opened the suitcase and got a surprise. Her favorite sun hat was not inside.

"Oh no!" she cried. "I forgot the most important thing!"

Her mother smiled. "You packed clothes for every kind of weather," she said, "but you forgot the one thing you really needed."

Amy laughed. Next time, she decided she would pack less and think more carefully about what to take.

Examples

Amy's family was going to the beach on holiday.

The trip was going to last five days.

Questions

1. Amy packed in two pairs of _____.
2. Amy packed a _____ in case of rain.
3. She packed a sweater in case the weather was _____.
4. Her _____ helped Amy close the suitcase.
5. Amy forgot her favorite _____.
6. Amy decided that she would _____ more carefully about what to take.

