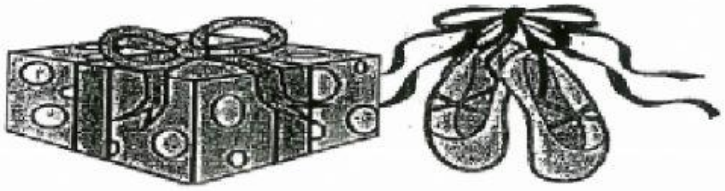
Name: _____ **Date: 18th October, 2020**

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

NANCY'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT



On the morning of her birthday, Nancy tore off the wrapping paper from the present that her parents had given her. Inside the box lay the most beautiful pair of ballet shoes Nancy had ever seen. The fresh scent of the new satin wafted from the box. Nancy picked up the shoes and held them as gently as she would have cradled a baby kitten. She tried them on and tied the crisp white ribbon. Still seated, she exclaimed to her parents, "Thank you so much!" "I always wanted to become a dancer!" "You're welcome," Nancy's mom responded "Now, for the big news. Your father and I are thrilled to announce that we have decided to give you dance lessons. Your first lesson begins today."

Nancy felt as though she had been given the world. She carefully took off her shoes and, with great care, placed them back in the box. Later that afternoon, when Nancy arrived at the dance school located at the nearby mall, she could hardly contain her excitement. With trembling hands, she put on her new footwear and without hesitation, she confidently stepped onto the dance floor. Her teacher warmly welcomed her. Nancy showed her teacher her best twirls. It was music to Nancy's ears when her teacher exclaimed, "You are a very talented girl!"

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1. **Select the correct answer.**

   a) Based on information provided in the passage, on which occasion was **Nancy** given a pair of dancing shoes?
      a. Christmas
      b. Birthday
      c. Anniversary
      d. Easter

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   b) What text feature helped you identify the occasion when Nancy was given a pair of dancing shoes?
      a. heading
      b. subheading
      c. title
      d. title page

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2. Write the word from **paragraph 1** that has the same meaning as the phrase "to hold protectively".

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3. **Select the correct answer.**
   "It was music to Nancy's ears." From this statement, we can conclude that Nancy was:

   a) hearing good news
   b) listening to music
   c) moving to music
   d) wearing headphones

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4. Using the numbers 1-4, order Nancy's actions as they happened in the passage.

   _____ Nancy showed her dancing skills.

   _____ Nancy opened her gift.

   _____ Nancy put her shoes away

   _____ Nancy's teacher greeted her

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5. **Select the correct answer.** Which text evidence below suggest that Nancy would be a good dance student?

   a) with trembling hands she put on her new foot wear
   b) without hesitation she confidently stepped onto the dance floor.
   c) Nancy showed her teacher her best twirls
   d) It was music to Nancy's ears when her teacher exclaimed, '*You are a very talented girl!"*

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6. **Select the correct answer.** Which of the following would be another suitable title for the passage?

   a) Caring For Dance Shoes
   b) The Unexpected Surprise
   c) Difficult Dance Steps
   d) Shopping at the Mall

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