

**Read the text and choose the right options to complete the sentences.**

**The Little Match Girl**  
(after Hans Christian Andersen)

Most terribly cold it was; it snowed, and was nearly quite dark. It was the last evening of the year. A poor little girl, bareheaded, and with naked feet was walking along the street. She carried some matches in an old apron, and she held a bundle of them in her hand. Nobody had bought anything from her the whole day; no one had given her a single coin. She was trembling with cold and hunger - a very picture of sorrow, the poor little thing! From all the windows the candles were gleaming, and it smelt so deliciously of roast goose, for you know it was New Year's Eve. At the corner of the street she seated herself down. She grew colder and colder, and she couldn't go home, for she had not sold any matches and could not bring a penny of money. She would certainly get blows from her father, and at home it was cold too.

Her little hands were icy cold. Oh! A match might give her a world of comfort, if she only dared take a single one out of the bundle, and warm her fingers by it. She drew one out. It was a warm, bright flame, like a candle, as she held her hands over it: it was a wonderful light. It seemed really to the little maiden as though she were sitting in front of a large iron stove. But in a moment the small flame went out and the stove vanished. She rubbed another one against the wall: it burned brightly, and where the light fell on the wall, there the wall became transparent, and she could see into the room. On the table a snow-white tablecloth was spread; upon it the roast goose was steaming famously with its stuffing of apple and dried plums. And the goose hopped down from the dish with a knife and a fork in its breast and came up to the poor little girl. She lighted another match. Now there she was sitting under the most magnificent Christmas tree: it was still larger, and more decorated than the one which she had seen through the glass door in the rich merchant's house. The lights of the Christmas tree rose higher and higher, she saw them now as stars in heaven; one fell down and formed a long trail of fire. "Someone is just dead!" said the little girl; for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now no more, had told her, that when a star falls, a soul goes to God.

She drew another match against the wall: it was again light, and in the light there stood her old grandmother, so bright and mild, and with such an expression of love. "Grandmother!" cried the little one. "Oh, take me with you! You go away when the match burns out!" And she rubbed the whole bundle of matches quickly against the wall, for she wanted to be quite sure of keeping her grandmother near her. The grandmother took the little girl on her arm, and both flew in brightness and in joy so high, and there was neither cold, nor hunger, nor anxiety - they were with God.

But on the corner, at the cold hour of dawn, sat the poor girl with rosy cheeks and with a smiling mouth, leaning against the wall - frozen to death on the last evening of the old year. "She wanted to warm herself," people said. No one had the slightest suspicion of what beautiful things she had seen.

1. **The action of the tale takes place** .
  1. on the New Year Day
  2. on the 31st of December
  3. at Christmas night
  4. on the girl's birthday
2. **She carried some matches** .
  1. to light the candles on the Christmas tree
  2. that she had bought at the next door greengrocer's
  3. to burn them for heat
  4. to sell them in the street
3. **She couldn't go home because** .
  1. it was very far away
  2. she was too tired to walk
  3. she was afraid of her father
  4. she had lost the way
4. **She felt a bit warmer when** .
  1. she lit the first match
  2. some people invited her for tea in front of a large iron stove
  3. she found a candle and lit it
  4. she saw a wonderful light behind the wall
5. **She could see behind the walls because** .
  1. the matches worked magic
  2. the walls in that street were all transparent
  3. they were made of glass
  4. she was a fairy
6. **The girl's grandmother** \_ \_ .
  1. was going to visit her on the New Year night
  2. was cooking a goose for Christmas dinner
  3. wanted to help her to sell the matches
  4. had loved her most of all in the family, but she was not alive
7. **The girl and her grandmother** \_ .
  1. were glad to see each other
  2. were so beautiful and so tall
  3. were happy to fly together to the sky
  4. were both cold and hungry
8. **The people in the street could see** \_ .
  1. the girl warming herself with matches
  2. the girl dead from cold
  3. the beautiful things the girl had seen
  4. the girl and her grandmother flying to the sky