

THE CAN DRIVE

The students at Hibiscus Primary School planned a 'can drive' to raise funds for their new playground. They told their teacher Mrs. Brown about their plans. The idea about the students helping themselves was so exciting that Mrs. Brown and the manager of the recycling company joined in to help them organize the can drive.

The manager agreed to give the students five cents for each can that they collected. But, the thought of getting five cents was not a happy one for the students. Some of them grumbled, and others complained that a nickel wasn't enough money. Mrs. Brown quickly reminded them that 'nickels can add up.'

For six weeks, the students collect cans. Parents teachers and friends all donated cans. At the end of the sixth week, the students counted the cans. The final count was twelve thousand cans. 'Wow!' shouted Joey, 'That means we've raised six hundred dollars!'

'Yes!' replied Ann. 'Six hundred dollars is a lot of money. I guess nickels really do add up!'

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Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the students plan a can drive? (1)

2. Read paragraph **ONE**. Then write the word from paragraph **ONE** that means the same as:

(A) money _____ (1)
(B) to put things in order _____ (1)

3. Write the sentence from paragraph **THREE** that tells you people other than students took part in the can drive. (1)

4. According to information in the passage, how do you know that the manager was a very kind person? (2)

5. 'Wow!' shouted Joey. In this sentence the word 'wow' tells you that Joey was

(1)

- (A) angry
- (B) crying
- (C) excited
- (D) laughing

6. Using the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, put the following sentences in the order in which they happened in the story. (4)

_____ The students spoke to Mrs. Brown.

_____ The manager gave the students money.

_____ The students counted their cans.

_____ The students planned a drive.