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Comprehension: Sequence

A Costume for Shamia

Halloween was only three days away, and Shamia still hadn't thought of a costume! She had to have a costume, or it wouldn't be any fun to go trick-or-treating. Her big sister Jermya had her own costume all planned. She was going to be a hot dog. Jermya was going to wear her tan pants and an old tan sweatshirt. A red swimming-pool noodle was going to be the wiener, and Jermya had painted a squiggly yellow line down one side of the noodle to look like mustard. She was going to wear a red beanie cap and her red bed-slippers. Shamia wished she had thought of that. Jermya always took Shamia with her to go trick-or-treating, and they always made costumes that went together. One year they were different colored marshmallows. Another year they were bumblebees. What was Shamia supposed to do—try to figure out how to make a hamburger costume? Jermya usually helped Shamia with her costume, but this year she had been too busy with her friends. Shamia asked her own friends at school what they were going to be, but that just made matters worse. They all had great ideas. Shamia looked in magazines for ideas, but the costumes she liked all looked like they would be hard to make.

Shamia's mom came upstairs and asked if Shamia wanted to go with her to the grocery store. Shamia sighed and put down the magazines. They weren't any help, anyway. At the store, Shamia went up and down the aisles

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with her mom until they came to the section selling things for Halloween. And there it was—the answer to her problem. It was just a tall, pointed red hat, but it gave her the perfect idea. It was only two dollars, so her mom agreed to buy it. When Shamia got home, she rushed up to her room and dug through her drawers until she found her red winter tights, red shorts, and a long-sleeved red sweater. She tried them on, and added the pointed red hat. She took out a piece of paper and a red marker, and wrote in big letters, "KETCHUP." Hot dogs and ketchup! What goes together better than that?

Write the numbers 1 through 6 in the boxes beside the events to show the sequence of what happened, from first to last.

	1-6
Shamia went to the grocery store with her mom.	
Shamia looked in magazines to try to find ideas for a costume.	
Shamia asked her friends at school what they were going to be.	
Shamia's mom bought her the pointed red hat.	
Shamia wished she had thought of a hot dog costume.	
Shamia tried on her new costume.	

2. What are two things that might happen next in this story? _____

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