CHAPTER 1 A LONG WALK HOME

PART A: Vocabulary

Fill in the blanks with a suitable words in the sentences below.

Example: Because he lied, Jason knew he had let his father down.

1. Where did you grow .....?

2. I'll drop you .....at the train station on my way to work.

3. The party starts at 7:00, but I don't think we'll show.....until 8:00 or 8:30.

4. Jack picked ..... some milk and eggs at the supermarket.

5. I was angry when I found .....my friend had lied to me.

PART B: Language Focus

Complete the sentences below with the simple past or past perfect form of the verb in parentheses.

Example: Jason picked up the car after he (see) _____ a couple of movies.

1. When Mark got home, he asked me if his girlfriend (call) _____.

2. First I ate dinner with my family, and then I (go) _____ out with some friends.

3. The children went swimming even though we (tell) _____ them not to.

4. Why (be) _____ you late to school today?

5. Before Chin-peng (come) _____ to the United States, he had never seen snow.

PART C: Comprehension

1. Why did Jason's father walk home instead of riding with Jason in the car?

A. because he wanted to exercise

B. because he wanted to think seriously about what happened.

C. because the car was still in the garage

2. Why was Jason's father angry with himself, and not with Jason?

A. Because he could not take him to the movies

B. Because his son could not tell him the truth

C. Because Jason was still a child.

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PART D : READING Comprehension

Dad's New Office

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Victoria was excited. Her dad was going to be working at home from now on. It was strange to think about. She didn't really understand all that was happening, but dad seemed to think it was nice, and mom was very pleased.

Dad used to go into the office to work. She'd visited him there once. It was a big brick building with a lot of people in it. There were lot of lights, and everyone looked very serious. Dad always wore black pants, a white shirt, and a tie every day. Even his shoes had to be polished. How would things be different now?

Dad had changed the guest bedroom into his office. The bed and dresser were in the garage. They were going into a yard sale in a few weeks. Now, there was a huge bookshelf, taller than dad even! It was very wide, too. Instead of books, it was full of CDs, DVDs, and colorful papers. There was a new computer in the room, which sat on a new desk. Other shelves were full of envelopes, office supplies, and printers.

It looked very different in there. He'd even put up some posters of movies he liked and a couple space pictures. A picture of her and mom sat on the desk beside his new computer. That was nice. It seemed like a fun room to hang out in.

She watched her dad sit at the computer in a t-shirt and shorts. It was strange to see him dressed that way while he was working. Peeking from the doorway, she saw him sip his coffee, type at the computer, and smile. He seemed very relaxed for working. Often, when he'd come home from the office before, he'd been tired and worried. Now he seemed fine, even when he was putting stuff into envelopes and taking them out to the mailbox.

Even stranger yet, dad ate lunch with them. He smiled and laughed and ate. Then he went back to his office for a couple more hours. He never had to get in the car, and he was actually whistling in the other room. Once he might have even been singing along to the radio. When he was done, he just shut the door. He didn't even have to drive home, because he was already there!

This new job seemed great, because dad was happier, and they would be able to spend more time together. She liked having dad work at home.

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1. Where is Victoria's dad going to work now?
   A. in a factory
   B. in an office building
   C. at home in an office
   D. at a company building

2. Dad used to look how after coming home from work?
   A. happy and excited
   B. calm and relaxed
   C. carefree and happy
   D. tired and worried

3. Which of these is NOT a benefit of having dad working at home?
   A. not driving home after work
   B. eating lunch with the family
   C. more worries and a boss yelling
   D. dressing comfortably in shorts and a t-shirt

4. Dad's new job seems to be doing what?
   A. doing artwork to sell
   B. selling insurance on the phone
   C. working on the computer and mailing stuff
   D. watching TV

5. How does Victoria feel about having dad work at home?
   A. She likes having him around more.
   B. She doesn't want him around to stop her from having fun.
   C. She wants him to go back to work.
   D. She doesn't know yet.

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