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Reading Comprehension: Analogies

Dangerous Waters



Sometimes life is a roller coaster; it is full of ups and downs, fears and excitement. This was ever so true for Mrs. Williams last Monday. She was driving home with her two sons, Alexandar and David. From the darkening sky, she could see that a storm was approaching. It had come like a thief in the night, quietly and uninvited. Soon, lightning flashed, thunder boomed and the rain began to pour. In order to get to her house, Mrs. Williams had to cross the road covered with water. She decided to drive across the gushing water. When they were just about to cross the road, the rising water caused the car to float away. Mrs. Williams knew that she had to get herself out of the car.

Alexander was able to roll down the window and he and his mother were cheetahs, leaping to safety in a single bound. Quickly, they both tried to grab David, but the car floated out of reach.

Immediately, the police and some friends came. They looked all night for David. Searching for him in the storm was like looking for a needle in a haystack. They didn't find him.

Early the next day, Mrs. Williams saw a police car drive up to her house. Her heart was like a race car. As the car got nearer she saw David's head. He was safe! He told his mother that the car got stuck against a tree and he was able to climb out. He had clung to the tree like a wet t-shirt to a body until daylight when the police saw him. Everyone was delighted to see David again.

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1) The passage opens with an analogy. What two items are being compared in this analogy? [2 marks]

2) To what is the storm compared in the first paragraph? [1 mark]

3) Write the analogy in the second paragraph. [1 mark]

4) Explain the meaning of the analogy, "Searching for him in the storm was like looking for a needle in a haystack." [1 mark]

5) "Her heart was a race car." (paragraph 4) tells us that she was _____. [1 mark]

a) exhausted

b) nervous

c) frustrated

d) delighted

6) According to the passage (paragraph 4) how was David like a wet t-shirt? [1 mark]

