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READ THE PASSAGE CAREFULLY. THEN, READ THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE POEM. WRITE THE ANSWER FOR NUMBERS 1 and 5. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER FOR NUMBERS 2, 3, 4, and 6.

## PASSAGE TWO: SMART

My dad gave me a one dollar bill  
because I'm his smartest son,  
and I traded it for two shiny quarters  
because two is more than one!

Then I took the two quarters  
and traded them with Sue  
she gave me three dimes because  
she didn't know that three is more than two!

Just then, old blind Bill came along,  
and because he can't see  
he gave me four nickels for my three dimes,  
and four is more than three!

I took the nickels to Mr. Brown  
Down town at the pet store,  
and the fool gave me five pennies for them,  
and five is more than four.

And then I went and showed my dad,  
and he got red in the cheeks.  
He closed his eyes and shook his head –  
too angry with me to speak!



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1. Why did the boy's father give him the dollar bill?

[1]

2. What is this poem principally about?

- a. A father who did not understand the value of money.
- b. A father who loved to give money away.
- c. A boy who did not understand the value of money.
- d. A boy who loved spending money. [1]

3. Which list shows the correct order of persons that the boy traded money with.

- a. Mr. Brown → Blind Bill → Sue
- b. Sue → Blind Bill → Mr. Brown
- c. Sue → Mr. Brown → Blind Bill
- d. Blind Bill → Sue → Mr. Brown [1]

4. According to the poem, what does the phrase "**And he got red in the cheeks**" mean.

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5. Write the word from stanza 2 that has the same meaning as the word "**exchanged**".

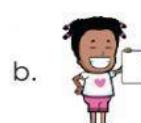
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6. Click on the word under the picture that best shows how the father felt...

(i) at the **beginning** of the poem.



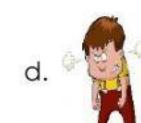
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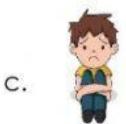
(ii) At the **end** of the poem.



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