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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Jacob's mother stormed through the house with a handful of wooden signs in her hand.

"What are those, Mother?" asked Jacob. He had never seen his mother so energetic before.

"These are signs for the ladies march!" exclaimed Mother.

Jacob looked at his mother try on three different hats. She was bustling around hanging up hats and pulling others down. Jacob could feel the excitement in the air.

Outside the window in the street, Jacob watched a group of neighborhood ladies line up with signs of their own.

"What's going on?" asked Jacob.

"Votes for women!" his mother stated. "It's time that women get the right to vote!"

His mother grabbed a hat with big black feathers and marched downstairs carrying a sign. She threw open the door and joined the group of women outside.

"Votes for women?" asked Jacob.

Just then Jacob's dad came through the door. "Where's your mother headed?" he asked.

"She's off to get the right to vote," answered Jacob curiously.

"Oh, I see," chuckled Dad.

"What's so funny?" asked Jacob.

"Mother and her friends have been trying for years to get the U.S. government to allow women the right to vote," explained Jacob's dad.

"That seems like a reasonable request," said Jacob timidly. "Why should men be the only ones with the right to vote?" demanded Jacob. He walked over and picked up one of his mom's signs. He joined the group outside shouting, "Votes for women!"

STORY QUESTIONS

1. How does Jacob's dad feel about women's suffrage?
 - a. He thinks it is a great idea.
 - b. He is upset that his wife is protesting.
 - c. He is spying on his wife's activities.
 - d. He thinks it's a silly idea that will never happen.
2. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?
 - a. to explain how Jacob's dad feels about the right to vote
 - b. to explain the relationship between Jacob and his mother
 - c. to explain the process of how women got the right to vote
 - d. to explain Jacob's feelings about women being allowed to vote
3. What is the meaning of the word *stormed* as used in the passage?

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| a. directed | c. stomped |
| b. engaged | d. squirmed |