Once upon a time, there was a lonely porcupine. No one wanted to play with him because they were afraid of his spikes.

Landi, the porcupine, spent most of the time daydreaming at the river bank. "I would have lots of friends and play with them if no spikes were on my body. I would be happy and not be lonely like this."

Suddenly, Kuku the turtle appeared and came to Landi. He said, "Landi, what are you thinking of?"

Landi told Kuku that he did not have friends, because of his spikes.

"Poor you. I know, your spikes are very useful and helpful to you. Your friend will realize it someday."

One day, Sam the frog held his birthday party. He invited all his friends, including Landi. Landi did not want to mess up the party so he decided not to come. Kuku ensured Landi to come with him, and he agreed to attend it.

Suddenly, Tito ran here and there screaming, "Help … help …! The evil wolf is coming. Save yourselves!"

Everyone ran to save their lives, except Kuku and Landi. Kuku pulled his head and legs into his shell. Landi rolled his body into a ball. Unintentionally, the evil wolf stepped his foot on Landi. Of course, the spikes pricked him. Since his foot was bleeding, he did not chase Landi's friends any longer. Then he ran away.

His friends thanked him, and from then on, Landi was not lonely anymore.

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1. After reading the story, a teenager would probably ….
   A. avoid working with his friends who are not the same as him
   B. appreciate his/ her friends based on their value
   C. work together only with one who had a perfect appearance
   D. feel unhappy if s/he was different from his/ her friends

2. Which of the following statements are in line with the text?
   (1) Landi realized that his spikes were useful after his friends invited him to Cici's party.
   (2) Landi spent his day thinking about his spikes when Kuku, the turtle approached him.
   (3) Landi's friends ran frantically in the party at the time Landi came to the party.
   (4) Landi decided to come to Sam's party after Kuku persuaded him to.

   A. (1) and (3).
   B. (1) and (4).
   C. (2) and (3).
   D. (2) and (4).

3. Which of the following statements are in line with the text?
   (1) Landi was introduced as a lonely and unconfident character.
   (2) Landi thought that his friends were arrogant and did not want to be his friend.
   (3) At the end, Landi realized that his spikes were useful for him and his friends.
   (4) Finally, Kuku's explanation of Landi's harmless spikes made Landi feel happy.

   A. (1) and (3).
   B. (1) and (4).
   C. (2) and (3).
   D. (2) and (4).

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Once upon a time, there was a young man called Ma Liang. He was poor. He helped a rich bad man to tend cattle. He liked drawing and drew pictures everywhere. One night, he dreamed that an old man give him a magic paintbrush and asked him to use it to help poor people. When he woke up, he found the magic paintbrush in his desk.

From that day on, he used the paintbrush to help people. Whenever he drew pictures, they became real. But a few days later, his master heard about the magic paintbrush and stole it. He drew a lot of pictures, but they could not become real. He was very angry and asked some people to get Ma Liang.

When Ma Liang came, he said to him, "If you draw some pictures for me and turn them to life, I will set you free." The young man said, "I can help you, but you should obey your words." The bad man felt very happy and said, "I want a golden mountain. I will go there to gather gold." The young man drew a sea first. Then the young man drew a golden mountain which was far away from the sea. After that he drew a big ship. The bad man jumped into the ship. When the ship sailed to the middle of the sea, the young man drew a large wave and it destroyed the ship. After that, the young man lived with his family happily and kept on helping the poor people.

4. What does the story tell us about?
   A. The greediness of a man.
   B. A man who stole a magic paintbrush.
   C. A magic paint brush and a mountain of gold.
   D. Ma Liang, a young kind man with his magic paintbrush.

5. What made the bad man's ship destroyed?
   A. The big wave.
   B. The paintbrush.
   C. The young man.
   D. The mountain of gold.

6. From the text we learn that ... .
   A. we should study how to draw well
   B. we should not force others to do something
   C. good things come to those who are good to others
   D. people should always fight for what they want

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