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Reading Comprehension

Read the text and answer the questions.

The Dark Knight

Trapped alone in a dark cage was unusual for the greatest knight in the land. However, this was reality now. His cage was small, and the damp smell stung his nostrils. His food was moldy, and the water was muddy. To be defeated by an enemy and dragged back to their home was an absolute disgrace. The Dark Knight had to escape.

Over a three-day period, he had managed to craft a small knife out of stone. He used this to chip away at one of the bars. As the sun began to set, the Dark Knight made his escape. His heart beat with every sound and sweat ran off his nose. The derelict conditions had drained his energy, but he knew now was his opportunity. Out of nowhere came a small voice. "I'll help you," said a young boy.

"Follow me," he continued. The Dark Knight had no option but to follow. The boy moved with haste and knew the streets like the back of his hand. At the edge of the city, he pointed to the forest. "Run through the forest for 2 days and you'll find your home," whispered the boy as he grinned ear to ear.

The Dark Knight made his way home and was greeted with cheers and applause. The greatest fighter in the land had escaped death and made it home, ready to fight another day. The King welcomed him into the castle and prepared a great feast.

"How did you escape?" questioned the king.

"I was helped by a young boy and..." before he could finish his sentence, he saw a picture on the wall. "That's the boy who helped me, the one in that picture."

"That's Prince James," said the king, "he died 5 years ago..."



After reading, answer the next questions.

1. Choose the correct answer.

1. Where was the Dark Knight trapped?

- a) In a castle
- b) In a dark cage

2. How did the Dark Knight escape from the cage?

- a) He chipped away a bar with a stone knife.
- b) He broke the door with his sword.

3. Who helped the Dark Knight after he escaped?

- a) The king
- b) A young boy

4. What surprised the king at the end of the story?

- a) The boy who helped had died years ago.
- b) The knight refused to fight again.

2. Select True or False for each sentence.

1. The Dark Knight's food and water were fresh and clean. TRUE FALSE
2. The young boy guided the knight through the city and forest. TRUE FALSE
3. The knight was unhappy to return home. TRUE FALSE

3. Match the character/item with its description

A. Dark Knight

B. Young boy

C. King

___ Helped the knight find his way home.

___ Welcomed the knight with a feast.

___ Escaped from a dark cage.

