



The Mystery Shopping Bag: Reading Comprehension

The Story

On Saturday morning, Mia went shopping with her older brother, Ben. She needed a new T-shirt for a school trip the following week. She had saved £25, but she didn't want to spend it all on clothes.

"Let's compare prices before you buy anything," Ben suggested.

Their first stop was a large department store. Mia found a blue T-shirt with a small yellow star on the front. She liked it immediately, but the price tag said £30.

"That's more than all my money!" she said.

A shop assistant showed her a cheaper one, but they didn't have it in her size. Mia felt disappointed as they left.

Next, they visited a small clothes shop near the market. A bright sign in the window said, "SALE — SPECIAL OFFERS THIS WEEKEND."

Inside, Mia found a green T-shirt for £12 and a comfortable hoodie for £18. She wanted both, so she carefully counted her money.

"You can't afford both today," Ben reminded her. "Which one do you need more?"

Mia took the T-shirt to the changing room. It fitted well, and she liked the colour. She decided to leave the hoodie and save the rest of her money.

At the checkout, a woman beside her was buying a pink scarf. Both customers received brown paper shopping bags. Mia paid with a £20 note, collected her change and receipt, and followed Ben outside.

They stopped at a café to look at the menu. Mia opened her bag to show Ben her new T-shirt. However, there was a pink scarf inside!

"Oh no! I've got the wrong bag!" she cried.

"Have you still got the receipt?" Ben asked.

Luckily, it was in her jacket pocket. They hurried back to the shop, where the woman with the scarf was talking to the assistant.

"I think this belongs to you," Mia said, holding up the bag.

The woman laughed with relief. "And I think I've got your T-shirt!"

After checking their purchases, they exchanged bags. The assistant apologised for the mistake and thanked them for coming back.

Later, Mia and Ben returned to the café. Mia bought two hot chocolates for £6. She still had £7 left.

"I didn't buy everything I wanted," she said, "but I got what I needed."

"And you had a free adventure," Ben added.

Mia smiled. "Next time, I'll check my bag before I leave the shop!"

Put the Events in Order

Put the story events in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last) by writing the correct number in each box.

Order	Story Event
	Mia and Ben discovered a pink scarf inside the brown paper bag at the café.
	Mia tried on a green T-shirt in the changing room of a small clothes shop.
	Mia and the woman exchanged their bags and checked their purchases.
	Mia saw a blue T-shirt for £30 in a large department store.
	Mia bought two hot chocolates and counted her remaining money.

Reading Comprehension

1. Why did Mia not buy the blue T-shirt in the department store?

- A) It was the wrong size. B) It cost more than her savings. C) Ben disliked the colour.

2. How did the mix-up happen at the checkout?

- A) Both customers received identical brown paper bags. B) The cashier packed both purchases into one single bag.

3. Where did Mia find her receipt when Ben asked for it?

5. True or false: Mia had saved enough money to buy the blue T-shirt.

6. True or false: After exchanging bags, Mia and the woman checked their purchases.

Think About the Story



1. What lesson did Mia learn from the mix-up before leaving a shop in future?

2. Why did Ben describe the afternoon as a "free adventure"?
