Name: _____

The Last Seat



Emma was on her way home from school when she got on a crowded bus. It had been a long day, and she was tired. After a few minutes, a passenger left, and Emma quickly sat down in the empty seat.

At the next stop, an elderly woman entered the bus. She looked tired and was carrying two heavy shopping bags. The bus was full, and there were no empty seats.

Emma looked around. Several adults were sitting nearby, but nobody moved. She thought about standing up and offering her seat, but she hesitated. She was tired too, and she still had a long journey home.

A few moments later, Emma noticed that the woman was struggling to keep her balance. Whenever the bus turned a corner, she bounced uncomfortably and exhausted.

Finally, Emma stood up and offered her seat to the woman. The woman smiled warmly and thanked her. As Emma stood for the rest of the trip, she felt surprisingly happy.

When Emma arrived home, she told her father what had happened. He smiled and said, “Kindness often costs very little, but it can mean a lot to someone else.”

That evening, Emma thought about his words. She realized that small actions can make a big difference in another person’s day.

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Match the words (1–5) with their correct definitions (A–E).

1. Hesitate ____
2. Elderly ____
3. Struggle ____
4. Balance ____
5. Kindness ____

A. The ability to stay steady without falling.

B. To have difficulty doing something.

C. Being friendly, helpful and caring towards others.

D. To stop for a moment because you are not sure what to do.

E. Old; used to describe people who have lived for many years.

Read the story carefully and complete the summary. Find the missing words in the original text.

Emma was on her way home from school when she got on a (1) _____ bus. She was tired because she had had a long day. After a few minutes, a passenger left, and Emma sat down in the (2) _____ seat. At the next stop, an (3) _____ woman got on the bus. She was carrying two (4) _____ shopping bags, but there were no seats available. Emma wanted to give up her seat, but she (5) _____. She was tired and still had a long (6) _____ home. A few moments later, Emma noticed that the woman was struggling to keep her (7) _____ whenever the bus turned a corner. She looked uncomfortable and (8) _____.Finally, Emma stood up and (9) _____ her seat to the woman. The woman (10) _____ warmly and thanked her. When Emma got home, she told her father about the experience. He explained that (11) _____ often costs very little but can mean a lot to others. Emma realized that small actions can make a big (12) _____ in another person's day.

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