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# READING COMPREHENSION

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# The Hero

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Hank and his brother, Isaac, were in the backyard. They were playing in the tree house when it began to sprinkle. "I think we should go in the house," said Hank. "It is about to storm." So the two boys climbed down the ladder and ran to the house. When they got into the kitchen, they each grabbed a cookie from the plate on the stove and called to their mom.

"Mom," Isaac yelled. "It is starting to rain." As they entered the living room, they saw their mom lying on the floor.

"Hank, why is mom sleeping on the floor?" Isaac asked his brother.

Hank got on his knees beside his mom and he shook her and shouted, "Mommy, Wake Up!" She didn't answer, so Hank tried again. Isaac began to cry.

"Don't worry, Isaac. It will be okay," Hank said, but Hank had to think quickly. He was only eight years old, what could he do? Hank was the oldest and he was the ONLY one who could help.

Then he remembered how Grandma used to play a game with him. She would pretend to be a 911 operator. She would ask him questions like, "What is your name?" "What is your address?" He had learned all the right answers, so he knew what to do. Hank grabbed the phone and punched in the numbers 911. A lady answered the phone and said, "911, what is your emergency?" Hank was shaking so he took a deep breath and said, "Hello. My name is Hank Robinson. My mom is on the floor. She looks like she is sleeping, but I can't wake her up." Then the lady asked Hank all the questions he had practiced with Grandma. He remembered to speak loudly and clearly because it was important. If the lady did not understand him, she could not help mommy. So again Hank took a deep breath and said, "I live at 1203 Oak Street, in Madison."

The lady on the phone told Hank not to hang up until someone came to his house and rang the doorbell. So Hank stayed on the phone and soon two Firemen came to help. Hank let them in when the lady on the phone said it was safe. The men helped mommy to wake up and then they gave mommy some orange juice. Finally, she sat up and began to feel better. She smiled and thanked the firemen, and they told her that Hank was a hero, because he helped save his mom's life. Later, the firemen invited Hank to the Fire Hall. They gave him an award for being a hero, but Hank did not feel like a hero. He had been scared. He had been shaking. He just did what he had to do. There was no one else to do it and he was just happy he knew what to do. He was happy his mom was okay and everything turned out okay. He learned that in an emergency, he would know just what to do. Maybe he would teach his brother, Isaac, so he would know what to do as well.

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Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

___ 1. What did Hank do when he saw his mom lying on the floor?
- A. He shook her and shouted, "Mommy, Wake up."
- B. He cried.
- C. He called his father on the phone.
- D. He was only eight years old, he couldn't do anything.

___ 2. What important thing did Hank learn from his Grandma?
- A. He learned that his Grandma was coming to visit.
- B. He learned how to tell the 911 operator his name and address.
- C. He learned to play games.
- D. He learned to read.

___ 3. What did Hank do to help his mom?
- A. Nothing, he was too young.
- B. He took care of his little brother.
- C. He dialed the 911 Operator on the phone.
- D. He tried to give her some orange juice.

___ 4. How did Hank feel?
- A. He felt brave.
- B. He felt like a hero.
- C. He felt important.
- D. He felt scared.

___ 5. What did Hank tell the 911 Operator and how did he speak to her?
- A. He said to send help quick and then he hung up.
- B. He whispered, "Help" and then hung up the phone.
- C. He said he was only eight years old.
- D. He told her his name and address. He spoke loudly and clearly.

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