

The Red Hat

The days were short and the winds blew strong. Tati's mother took some red yarn. Then she began knitting. She knitted a cozy hat for Tati.

The next day Tati put on the hat. "Be careful," warned her mother. "The wind might blow the hat off your head." Tati went outside to play.

The wind blew and blew. Tati felt her hat get bigger and bigger, like a balloon. She felt her feet leave the ground. She was flying!

Tati sailed over the town. She saw her friends playing in the snow. They looked as small as potato bugs. She saw a horse pulling a sleigh. It looked as small as a toy.

Soon Tati got lonely. "How will I ever get home?" she asked a blackbird. "I'll help you," said the blackbird. He pecked at her hat until the air began to seep out of it. Tati floated to the ground, right in front of her own cottage.



Checking Comprehension

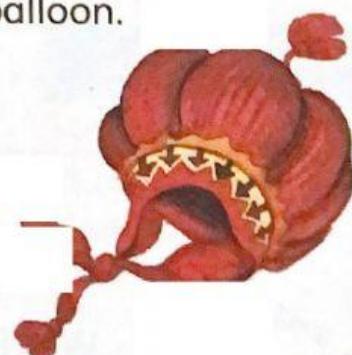
Answer in COMPLETE sentences. Marks will be deducted for incomplete sentences.

1. If the blackbird had not helped her, what do you think Tati could have done?
2. Would you like a hat like Tati's? Why or why not?

Practicing Comprehension Skills

Read each story event. Write N next to things that could really happen. Write F next to things that are a fantasy.

3. _____ Tati's mother knitted a ~~cozy~~ red hat.
4. _____ The wind blew up the ~~hat~~ like a balloon.
5. _____ Tati went outside ~~to~~ play.
6. _____ Tati flew ~~through~~ the sky.
7. _____ A horse was pulling a ~~sleigh~~.
8. _____ A blackbird said, "I'll help ~~you~~."



Circle the answer that finishes the sentence.

9. The story about the red hat is

A) FICTION B) NON-FICTION

STRATEGY: Distinguishing Between Fantasy and Realism

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Write the answer to each question on the lines.

10. How can you tell what kind of story "The Red Hat" is?

11. How do you know that the blackbird is make-believe?

12. What was the first clue that the story was fiction ?

Practicing Vocabulary

Write the word from the box that matches each clue.

13. made with yarn
14. carriage that goes in snow
15. small house
16. not weak
17. warm and comfortable

cottage

cozy

knitted

sleigh

strong