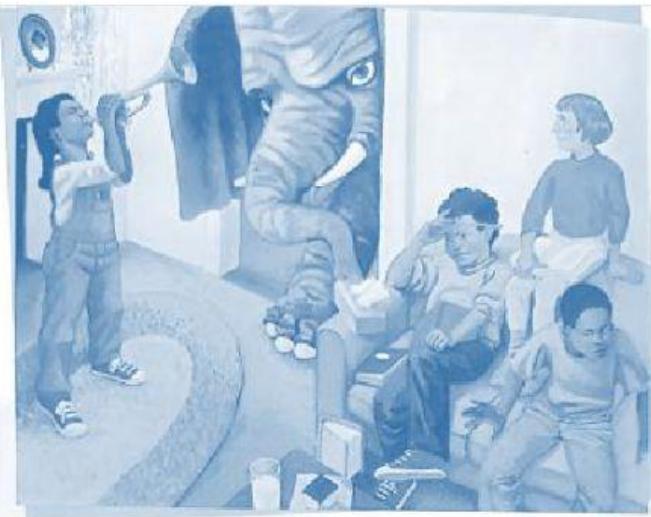
**Reading Skills**Annie's Gift**Series I**

**Instructions:** Complete each sentence using the information from the story "Annie's Gift". Look for the answers on the indicated page. Write the answer in the column in the right.

1. (Page 423) What kind of music did Daddy like to dance?	
2. (Page 424) What did Lee join because he loved music?	
3. (Page 425) What instrument did Patty when company came to their house?	
4. (Page 426) What instrument did Annie play?	
5. (Page 431) What was delivered to Annie's house?	

## Series II

**Instructions:** Read the following pages. Scan for information to answer the questions.



That evening, Annie picked up Lee's trumpet and tried to play it. Her playing sounded like an elephant with a bad cold. Lee begged her to stop. Annie's feelings were hurt, but she put the trumpet away.

"I wish I could find an instrument to play," Annie told her mother.

"Cheer up!" Momma said. "We're going to get a new piano and everyone is going to take piano lessons!"



Soon, a beautiful, new piano was delivered to Annie's house. The piano was made of shiny, brown mahogany. Annie peeked under the piano lid while Patty played a song. "Melody Maker" was written in beautiful gold letters.

That week, all three children started piano lessons with Mrs. Kelly. After every lesson, Mrs. Kelly gave them new sheet music to practice.

Patty and Lee did very well. Mrs. Kelly always told them how talented they were.

1. Annie picked up Lee's trumpet and tried to play. What did it sound like?	
2. What instrument did Momma say she would get?	
3. What was the piano made of?	
4. How did Patty and Lee play the piano?	
5. What is the piano teacher's name?	

### Series III

**Instructions:** Read each paragraph. Highlight the conclusion.

1. Every morning the children, Lee, Patty, and Annie, turned on some music. The floors trembled as they stomped their feet to the loud bass beat. Soon they were moving down the street to catch the school bus.
  - a) The children were very loud and disobeyed their parents.
  - b) The children loved music. They listened to it most of the time.
2. Patty was a wonderful musician too. When Patty played the piano, it made Annie think of pretty colors, soft rain, and springtime flowers.
  - a) Annie enjoyed the music that her sister played.
  - b) Annie felt very sad when she listened to her sister because she couldn't play the piano.
3. "Oh," Mrs. Mason sighed and rubbed her ears. "Annie, darling, I just don't think this is the instrument for you. How would you like to make a banner and some posters announcing our program?"
  - a) Mrs. Mason didn't want to be Annie's teacher anymore.
  - b) Mrs. Mason didn't believe Annie had a musical talent.
4. Annie picked up Lee's trumpet and tried to play it. Her playing sounded like an elephant with bad cold. Lee begged her to stop.
  - a) Lee was upset because Annie played the trumpet better than he.
  - b) Annie couldn't play the trumpet. The sound was annoying.
5. Annie played loud, finger-popping music when she felt like laughing and drawing pictures. She played soft, sweet music when she wrote her poem.
  - a) Annie discovered that she had a lot of talent in music.
  - b) Annie discovered that her talent was drawing and writing poetry.

### EVALUATION

Series I      5 items/ 10 pts. 50 pts.

Series II      5 items/ 5pts. 25pts.

Series III      5 items/ 5pts. 25pts.

