

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### Classifying Events and Ideas

**Read the story below, then write or choose the correct answer for each question.**

#### **Making Plans**

My family lived a busy life. My mom and dad worked six or seven days each week. Their day began as early as 4 o'clock in the morning. They did not finish until after 7 o'clock in the evening. My parents could not stay awake long enough to watch television.

One day, we sat down for a family talk as we always did from time to time. This time it was different.

My mom said, "We need to spend more time together". "It would be fun to go the beach like we did when Tonya was little," replied dad. I asked, " What about having real birthday parties, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations with family and friends?" Dad smiled and said, "We could also do videos and take photos". "That sounds great!" mom exclaimed.

Immediately, we started to make plans for some fun times.

1. **My parents could not stay awake long enough to watch television.** Why? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many characters are in the story? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is one thing that the family did together?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Write **idea or event**.  
"We should spend more time together." \_\_\_\_\_  
"...birthday parties, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations..." \_\_\_\_\_  
"We could also do videos and take photos." \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word in the sentence below describes the family's life?  
**'My family lived a busy life.'** \_\_\_\_\_