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A) Read the story!

The Whispering Woods



Jupiter wiped the sweat from his forehead and stared at the heavy stone door. He **had walked** for three days straight just to reach this forgotten ruin, and his boots were completely worn out.

Local villagers **had warned** him countless times to stay away from the woods, but Jupiter never listened to warnings. Years ago, a runaway princess **had lost** a magical compass somewhere inside the temple, and Jupiter was determined to find it.

He pulled back a curtain of thick vines. Before he **had even touched** the carved symbols on the wall, he remembered the old hunter's advice. The hunter **had told** him to tap the third stone on the left—otherwise, the floor would collapse.

Jupiter took a deep breath, tapped the stone with his wooden staff, and waited.

Click.

With a low rumble, the stone door slid open, breathing out a cloud of ancient dust that smelled faintly of old paper. Jupiter lit his torch and stepped inside. By the time the moon climbed high above the trees, he **had solved** the final riddle of the inner chamber. Resting on a golden pedestal in front of him was the silver compass, glowing softly in the dark. All those exhausting days on the road **had finally paid off**.

B) Answer the following questions based on the story.

1. Why were Jupiter's boots completely worn out?

- A. Because he had bought cheap boots before his journey.
- B. Because he had walked for three days straight to get to the ruin.
- C. Because the local villagers had stolen his shoes.
- D. Because he had run away from a princess in the woods.

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2. Read the last sentence of the story: *"All those exhausting days on the road had finally paid off."*

What does the phrase "finally paid off" mean in this context?

- A. Jupiter received a large amount of money for walking so far.
- B. Jupiter's hard work and difficult journey successfully brought him the result he wanted.
- C. Jupiter had to pay a high price to buy the magical compass from the temple.
- D. Jupiter regretted spending so many days traveling through the woods.

3. Based on the story, compare the actions and attitudes of the villagers and Jupiter. Decide whether each statement below is True or False!

Statements	Correct	Incorrect
The villagers advised Jupiter to stay away from the woods, but Jupiter chose to ignore their warnings.		
Jupiter and the runaway princess entered the temple at the exact same time years ago.		
The old hunter gave Jupiter specific advice about a trap, while the other villagers only gave general warnings.		

4. Classify the following events from the story into the correct plot stages by checking Correct or Incorrect for each story events.

Story Events	Plot Stage	Correct	Incorrect
Jupiter walks for three days to reach a forgotten ruin with the intention of finding a magical compass that once belonged to a runaway princess.	Exposition		
Jupiter pushes back the vines, remembers the old hunter's advice, and taps the third stone on the left to make the hidden entrance open.	Rising Action		
The stone door slides open with a low rumble, releasing ancient dust as Jupiter steps into the darkness with his torch.	Climax		
Jupiter solved the final riddle of the inner chamber	Falling Action		
Jupiter discovers the silver compass glowing on a golden pedestal, and realizes his exhausting journey has paid off.	Resolution		

5. What implicit moral lessons can we learn from?

6. How do you like the story? Tell your personal opinion in 50 words.