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Reading Comprehension

Read the story carefully and answer the questions.

The Shiny Balloon

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Every Saturday, Mr. Miller sold balloons at the park. Most were plain red, blue, and yellow. However, tied to the top of his cart were five shiny balloons. They were bright silver and sparkled in the sun like mirrors.

Eight-year-old Leo walked to the park with five dollars in his pocket. He had raked leaves all week to earn the money for his little sister Maya's birthday. "Hello, Leo," Mr. Miller said. "Would you like a red balloon today?"

Leo shook his head and pointed up. "I want a shiny silver one, please." Mr. Miller smiled and untied a silver star balloon. "Hold on tight," he said, handing Leo the string. "The wind is strong today."

Leo wrapped the string around his wrist and walked home. Suddenly, a big gust of wind blew down the street. It pulled hard, and the string slipped off Leo's wrist! The shiny balloon flew up into the sky. Leo felt very sad as he watched it float higher, flashing in the sunlight. Then, the wind stopped. The balloon drifted slowly down and caught on a low branch of an oak tree. Leo ran to the tree, jumped up, and grabbed the dangling string. The balloon was safe and still bright and shiny.

When Leo gave the balloon to Maya, she smiled and saw her own face in the silver surface. Leo was glad he worked so hard to get it.

- **What is the title of the story?**

- **Who is the author of the story?**

- **Who are the characters of the story?**

- **Where is the setting of the story?**

- **What is the genre of the story?**

- **What is the problem of the story?**

- **What is the solution of the story?**

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