



Reading Comprehension 2

Upper Primary Advance English

Read the passage and answer the questions.



The Brave Wind Chime

Mum closed the door of the small consultation room and let out a long breath. It had been an exhausting day at the children's hospital. My little brother, Leo, had been in and out of tests since early morning. The doctors said he had a serious infection in his lungs, and they needed to keep him in hospital for at least a week to help him get better. Mum tried to smile at me, but her eyes were ringed with shadows.

On the way home, the sky was already turning orange. I walked slowly behind Mum, clutching Leo's favourite toy dinosaur. As we turned into our street, a soft tinkling sound drifted through the air. It was the wind chime that Grandpa had hung on our front porch last summer. He had carved the wooden pieces himself and painted tiny stars on them. Grandpa always said the sound of the chime was like a song that reminded him to be brave.

I looked up at the porch. Hanging just above the door was the wind chime, swaying gently in the evening breeze. For the first time that day, I noticed something new. Someone had tied a bright blue ribbon to the bottom of the chime. It fluttered like a tiny flag. I frowned. That ribbon had not been there in the morning. I stepped closer and saw Grandpa's neat handwriting on a small card attached to the ribbon. It read, "For Leo. Stay strong. Love, Grandpa."

A lump formed in my throat as I remembered how Grandpa always visited when we were sick. He would sit by our beds, tell funny stories, and hum old songs until we fell asleep. Last year, when I had broken my arm, he had given me the wind chime and said, "Whenever you hear it, know that you are not alone." Now Grandpa was away, visiting relatives in another country, but the chime made it feel like he was right there with us.

Mum unlocked the door, and we went inside. I placed the toy dinosaur and Grandpa's card on the hall table. The gentle music of the chime followed us into the house. As Mum packed a bag of clothes and books for Leo, I carefully took the wind chime down from its hook. "Can we bring this to the hospital?" I asked. Mum hesitated, then nodded slowly. "Yes," she said quietly. "Maybe it will help Leo rest."

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When we returned to the hospital, Leo was lying in bed, his face pale but his eyes open. "Hey," I whispered, lifting the wind chime so he could see it. "Grandpa left this for you." Leo's fingers curled weakly around the blue ribbon. "It's our brave song," he murmured. I hung the chime on a hook above his bed, near the window. A faint breeze slipped through the gap in the glass, and the chime began to ring.

That night, as the machines beeped softly and the nurses walked quietly along the corridor, the clear notes of the wind chime floated through the room. I sat in the chair beside Leo's bed and held his hand. The sound reminded me of Grandpa's steady voice and warm smile. Little by little, the tight knot of worry in my chest loosened. Leo's eyes closed, and his breathing grew calmer. Listening to the gentle music, I finally felt a calm, steady hope settle over me like a warm blanket.

That's when I knew Leo's going to be just fine.

Questions

1. "Mum closed the door ... and let out a long breath." Why was Mum so tired?

2. What illness was Leo suffering from?



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3. Which two-word phrase in the passage shows that Leo's condition was quite serious?

4. The narrator had almost forgotten about the wind chime while at the hospital. What helped the narrator remember it again?

5. "The sound of the chime was like a song that reminded him to be brave." How did the sound of the chime affect the narrator later in the story?

Vocabulary from Context

Meaning	Word from text
Very tired	
Moving gently from side to side	
Firm, not weak	
Calm and steady feeling of confidence	

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Sequencing events

Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events happened in the story.

The narrator noticed a bright blue ribbon tied to the wind chime.

Leo lay in the hospital bed, holding the blue ribbon and looking at the wind chime.

The doctors said Leo had a serious infection in his lungs and needed to stay in hospital.

True and False

Statement	True/False
The wind chime had been hanging in the hospital room since last summer.	
Grandpa was in the hospital room, sitting beside Leo's bed that night.	
Hearing the wind chime helped the narrator feel less worried about Leo.	

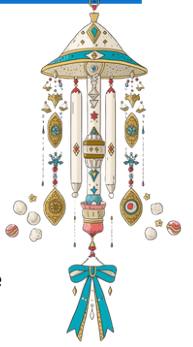


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Questions

1. "Mum closed the door ... and let out a long breath." Why was Mum so tired?

Mum was so tired because she had spent a long, difficult day at the children's hospital while Leo went through many tests.

2. What illness was Leo suffering from?

Leo was suffering from a serious infection in his lungs.



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The two-word phrase is "serious infection."

4. The narrator had almost forgotten about the wind chime while at the hospital. What helped the narrator remember it again?

The narrator remembered the wind chime again when hearing its soft tinkling sound as they turned into their street.

5. "The sound of the chime was like a song that reminded him to be brave." How did the sound of the chime affect the narrator later in the story?

Later in the story, the sound of the chime made the narrator feel less afraid and reminded the narrator of Grandpa's courage and comfort.

Vocabulary from Context

Meaning	Word from text
Very tired	exhausting
Moving gently from side to side	swaying
Firm, not weak	strong
Calm and steady feeling of confidence	hope

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Hearing the wind chime helped the narrator feel less worried about Leo.	True

