The Snow Day Plan

Name _____ Date _____

Fiction | 180 words | Characters and their actions

I read it: ☆ to myself ☆ to a grown-up ☆ to a friend

1 When Bilal looked out the window, the whole street was buried under a foot of snow. School was closed! He and his little brother Zayd grabbed their sleds and raced to the door.

2 Then Bilal noticed something across the street. Mr. Kim, their neighbor, was standing on his porch with a cane, staring at his snowy driveway. He usually walked to the grocery store every morning, but today he could not even reach the sidewalk.

3 Bilal looked at his sled, then at Mr. Kim. "Sledding can wait," he told Zayd. The boys borrowed two shovels from the garage. They worked for an hour, scraping and lifting until their arms **ached** and their cheeks turned pink. Zayd sprinkled salt on the steps so they would not be **slippery.**

4 When they finished, Mr. Kim came down his clear path with a wide smile. He **insisted** they come inside for hot cocoa, and he told them stories about sledding as a boy in Korea. That afternoon, the brothers finally went sledding. Bilal decided it was the best snow day he had ever had.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Snow Day Plan: questions

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I can find answers in the text. Look back at the story to check.

1 Circle the best answer

1. Why was Mr. Kim staring at his driveway?

(a) he could not get out (b) he lost his dog (c) he wanted a snowman

2. What does Bilal's choice show about him?

(a) he is shy (b) he is lazy (c) he is kind

3. Why did Zayd sprinkle salt?

(a) to melt the sled hill (b) to stop people slipping (c) to feed the birds

2 Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

☐ The boys grabbed their sleds.

☐ The boys shoveled the driveway.

☐ Bilal noticed Mr. Kim on his porch.

☐ The brothers went sledding.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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The Snow Day Plan: words and writing

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1 Match each word to its meaning. Draw a line.

ached	○	○ hurt in a dull way
slippery	○	○ said firmly that something must happen
insisted	○	○ smooth and easy to slide on

2 Write your answer in a full sentence.

Bilal said it was the best snow day he had ever had. Why do you think he felt that way?

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3 Draw your favorite part of the story.

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: The Snow Day Plan

1 Circle the best answer

1. a) he could not get out
2. c) he is kind
3. b) to stop people slipping

2 Order of events

Numbers as printed, top to bottom: 1, 3, 2, 4

1. The boys grabbed their sleds.
2. Bilal noticed Mr. Kim on his porch.
3. The boys shoveled the driveway.
4. The brothers went sledding.

3 Word meanings

ached: hurt in a dull way

slippery: smooth and easy to slide on

insisted: said firmly that something must happen

4 Written answer (sample)

He felt good about helping Mr. Kim, he heard great stories over hot cocoa, and he still got to go sledding.

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