

"Just don't be late, okay?" Josh said, with a shaky voice.

His father waved goodbye and Josh walked up to the door. Aiden and the rest of

his friends were walking outside.

"Oh good, you're here!" Aiden said. "We were just going caroling."

"Caroling? You mean you're going to knock on people's doors and sing Christmas songs?" Josh asked.

"Yeah," Aiden said. "My family does it every year. It's tradition."

Josh hid in the back of the group and pretended to sing along. He knew some of

the songs, but he didn't feel right singing them. After caroling everyone headed back to

Aiden's house to make Christmas cookies and trim the tree.

After an hour or so, everyone sat around the living room looking bored.

"What should we do now?" Tim asked.



"Great!" Aiden said. "What is it?"

Josh held up the dreidel.

"Ooh, is that a dreidel?" Amy asked. "I've played that game. It's really fun!"

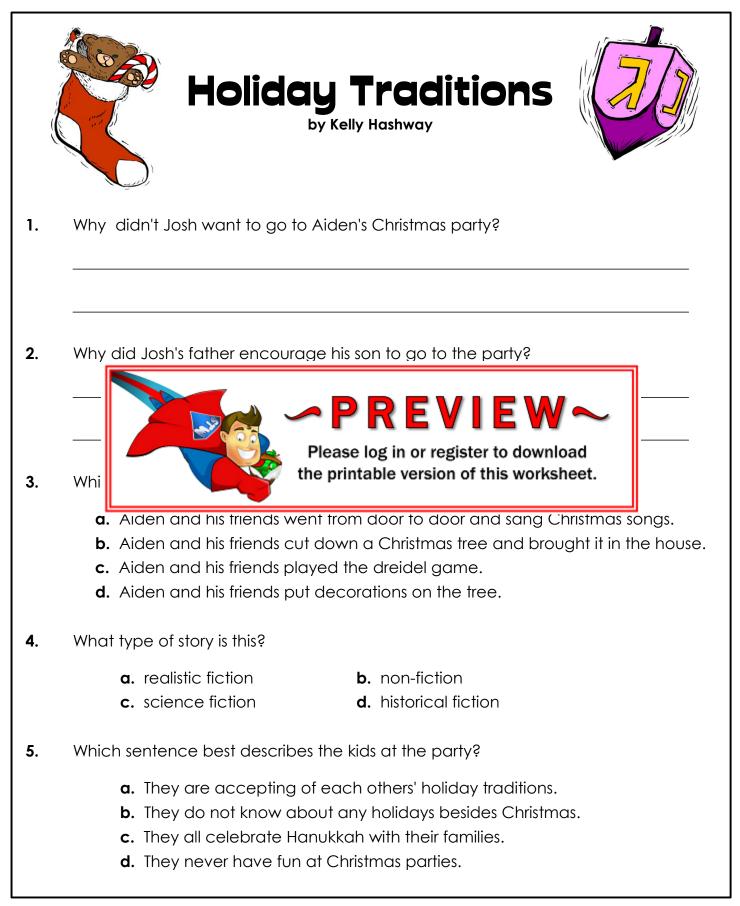
"You know the dreidel game?" Josh asked.

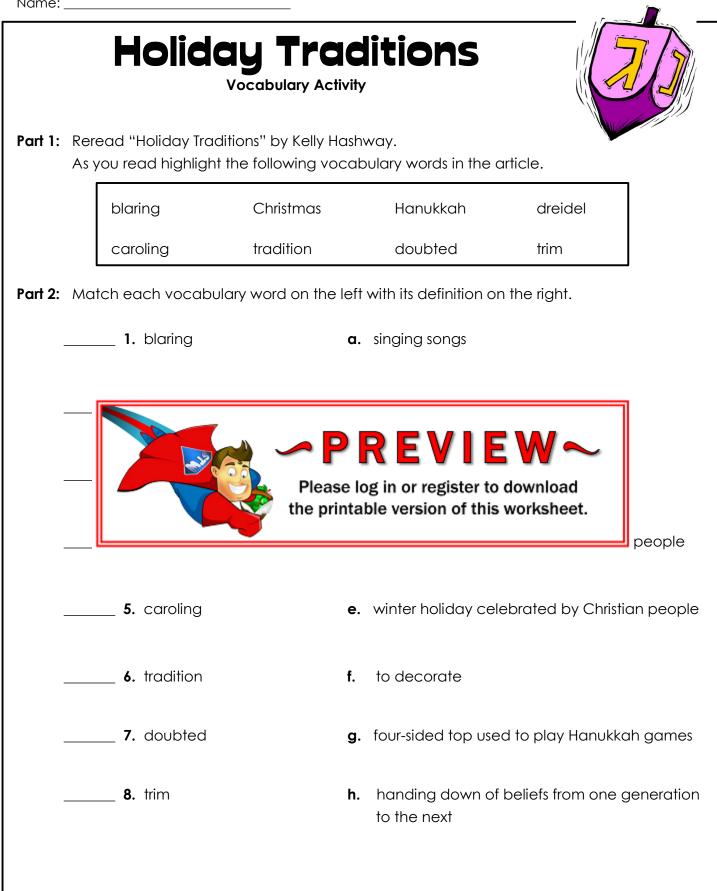
"Yeah, my cousin is Jewish," Amy said. "My family always spends Hanukkah at her

house and then she comes to our house for Christmas. It's fun celebrating both holidays."

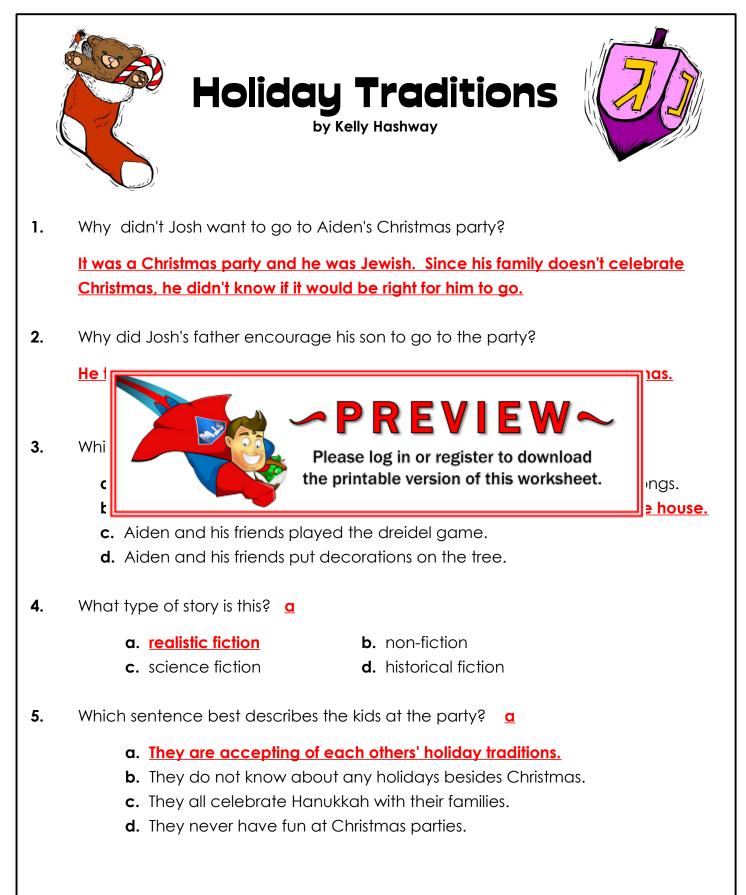
Josh thought about caroling, making cookies, and decorating the tree with his

friends. "I guess you're right," he said.





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Holiday Traditions

Part 1: Reread "Holiday Traditions" by Kelly Hashway.

As you read highlight the following vocabulary words in the article.

blaring	Christmas	Hanukkah	dreidel
caroling	tradition	doubted	trim

Part 2: Match each vocabulary word on the left with its definition on the right.



a. singing songs

