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The Perfect Gift

by Kelly Hashway

Colin walked through the mall with his head down. He couldn't bear to look at another window display of great Christmas gifts he couldn't afford. There were only a few days left until Christmas, and Colin still didn't have a present for his parents. He had only managed to save four dollars and seventeen cents. He patted the money in his pocket and sighed.



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loved it so much they had it framed.”

Colin knew that was true. The poem hung in the living room right above the fireplace. But Colin wasn't good at writing poems, so that didn't really help him.

“It doesn't have to be a poem,” Whitney said. “It could be anything that makes them think of you whenever they look at it. That's why homemade gifts are special—because they make you think of the person who made it.”

“But I don't know how to make anything Mom and Dad would actually want,” Colin said, kicking a tiny pebble across the parking lot.

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- d. curious

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- c. Colin's older brother.
- d. Colin's mother.

3. Who



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Vocabulary



Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.
Then, write the full word on the line.

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1. _____

2. _____ f _____

clue: to have enough money

2. _____

3. _____

clue

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4. _____

clue

5. _____ a _____ e d

clue: put a paper in a wooden or plastic case with a glass front

5. _____

6. _____ o _____ n _____

clue: particular point in time

6. _____

7. _____ o _____

clue: written passage with rhymes

7. _____

8. _____ i c _____

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