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# The Dollhouse

by Anita Amin



At the store, Anna saw the prettiest dollhouse. "Please, can I have it?" she asked Mom.

Mom checked the price. "\$40? That's too much. But I'll tell you what. If you *earn* the money, you can buy it."

At home, Anna ran straight to her piggy bank. She counted her money. "Only \$5?"

Anna ran back downstairs.

Mom was making lunch.

"Can I do some extra chores?" Anna asked.

"Well," Mom said, "You can set the table. I'll pay you 25 cents."

So, Anna set the table. She put the quarter in her piggy bank.

Later, Mom was cleaning. "You can dust," she told Anna. "I'll pay you 25 cents."

So, Anna dusted. She put the quarter in her piggy bank.

"Do you have any more chores for me?" Anna asked Mom.

"Not today," Mom said.

Anna counted her money again. "Only \$5.50? This will take forever."

She saw her stuffed animals on her bed. "Hmm, maybe I can sell them."

Anna went and got a big box.

As she packed the stuffed animals in the box, her kitten jumped into it.

Anna laughed. "I'm not selling you, Kitty."

Meow. Kitty rubbed against the box.

"You like the box?" Anna asked. "It is big, just like the dollhouse." Anna blinked. She had an idea. "I don't need to *buy* a doll house. I'll make the box into a dollhouse... or... I'll make a kitten house!"

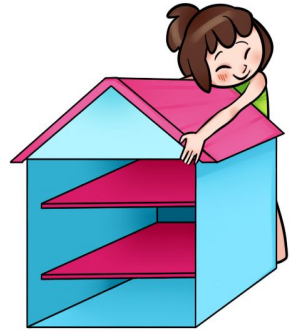
She decorated the box for Kitty. With her piggy bank money, she bought a pillow for Kitty's new house.

Meow, Kitty purred, curling up in her new house.

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1. What was the price of the dollhouse Anna wanted to buy?

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2. To buy the doll house, Anna needed to earn...

- a. 5 more dollars                      b. 20 more dollars  
c. 35 more dollars                    d. 40 more dollars

3. What two things did Anna do to earn money?

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4. Why did Anna put her stuffed animals in a box?

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5. Why didn't Anna buy the dollhouse at the end of the story?

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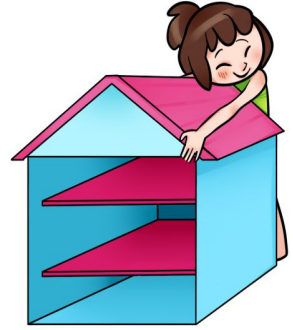
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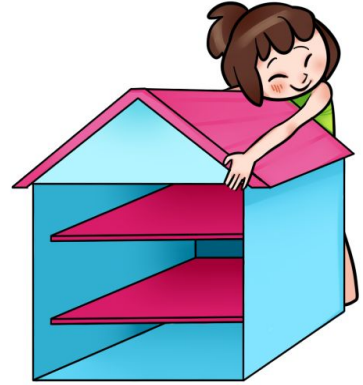
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|--------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
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| 2. bank      | • | • opened and closed one's eyes              |
| 3. chores    | • | • soft cloth bag for sitting or sleeping on |
| 4. blinked   | • | • small toy house                           |
| 5. decorated | • | • made something look pretty                |
| 6. pillow    | • | • place to keep money                       |

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In the story, "The Dollhouse," Anna does chores so she can try to earn money. Have you ever done chores at home? Tell what chores you do.

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# ANSWER KEY

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Forty dollars

2. To buy the doll house, Anna needed to earn...

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c. 35 more dollars                      d. 40 more dollars



3. What two things did Anna do to earn money?

She dusted and set the table.

4. Why did Anna put her stuffed animals in a box?

She was going to sell them to earn money.

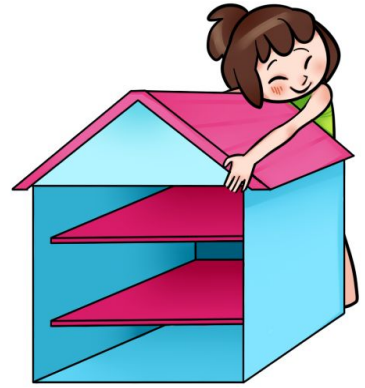
5. Why didn't Anna buy the dollhouse at the end of the story?

She decided that she didn't need to buy a dollhouse. She used an old cardboard box to make a kitty house instead.

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