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The Holiday Surprise

by Anita N. Amin

One morning, Sammy got a phone call from his friend Raj.

“Come over for Holi,” Raj said. “It’s a holiday from India.

Make sure you wear old clothes.”

“Old clothes? Why?” Sammy asked. Sammy knew nothing about Holi.

“It’s a surprise,” Raj said. “See you soon.” They hung up.

Sammy put on some old clothes. Then, he walked over to Raj’s house.

Inside on a table, there were four big jugs of colored water. There was blue water, green, red, and yellow.

Raj handed Sammy two jugs. Raj picked up the other two.

“Are we going to paint eggs like we do for Easter?” Sammy looked around. He didn’t see any eggs.

“No, not eggs.” Raj walked outside.

Sammy followed. “Will we paint our shirts? Is that why we had to wear old clothes?”

“Not quite,” Raj said.

They stopped at the park. People were throwing colored water at each other. Red, orange, yellow water – every color of the rainbow splashed across the air.

“Surprise!” Raj said. “We’re going to paint each other!”

Sammy laughed. “Now, I have a surprise for you.” He splashed Raj with the blue water.

“Got you first!”



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 - b. a holiday from Holland
 - c. a holiday from Iran
 - d. a holiday from India

2. What did Raj tell him to wear?
 - a. old clothes
 - b. a holiday outfit
 - c. a red shirt
 - d. his favorite clothes

3. What did Sammy see on the table when he walked into Raj's home?

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5. In the end of the story what did Sammy and Raj do at the park?

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Fill in the missing letters to create words from the story.
Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell
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1. ___ nd ___ a

hint: a country in Asia

1. _____

2. s ___ ___ p ___ ___ s ___

hint: something unexpected

2. _____

3. ___ el ___ o ___

hint: a color

3. _____

4. h ___ li ___ ___ y

hint: a special day of the year

4. _____

5. cl ___ t ___ ___ s

hint: you wear these

5. _____

6. ___ ___ la ___ h ___ d

hint: moved or pushed water

6. _____

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3. What did Sammy see on the table when he walked into Raj's home?

When Sammy walked into Raj's home he saw four big jugs of colored water on the table. There was blue, green, red, and yellow water in the jugs.

4. Sammy tried to guess what he and Raj were going to do. What were two of Sammy's guesses?

First, Sammy guessed that he and Raj were going to dye eggs like they do for Easter. Then he guessed that they were going to paint their shirts, but neither of those guesses were correct.

5. In the end of the story what did Sammy and Raj do at the park?

In the end Raj told Sammy to wear old clothes because they went to the park to splash one another with the jugs of colored water.

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2. surprise

hint: something unexpected

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3. yellow

hint: a color

3. yellow

4. holiday

hint: a special day of the year

4. holiday

5. clothes

hint: you wear these

5. clothes

6. splashed

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