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# Carnival Fever

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Sophie moaned as her mother read the thermometer. She had a fever, which meant she wasn't going to Michelle's birthday party. Michelle's parents had planned a carnival theme with games. Sophie loved carnival games, but now she



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was enjoying her dream carnival until she heard her parents and older brother, Gavin, talking.



She opened her eyes to see funny looking displays all over her bedroom. Plastic water bottles covered her desk. Empty soda cans were stacked in a pyramid on her chair. And a piece of cardboard with balloons taped to it rested against her closet door.

"What is all this?" Sophie asked.

"Your very own carnival," her father said.

"Here," Gavin said, handing Sophie a newly sharpened pencil. "Try to pop a balloon."

Sophie looked at the balloons taped to the cardboard. "You made a dart game."

Her parents smiled. "Try it," they said.

Sophie aimed the pencil and popped the blue balloon in the middle. "What do I win?"

"Another game," Gavin said, walking over to the chair with the soda cans. He handed her a pair of rolled up socks. "Let's see your best pitch."

Sophie laughed and tossed the socks at the cans. They all fell on the first try



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games."

"Yeah," Sophie said, "but my family made me my own carnival right in my room. I'll call you later. Enjoy your party and happy birthday!"

Sophie hung up the phone and tossed the rubber band at the bottles. She loved having her very own carnival.



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1. How did Sophie react when her mother told her she could not go to Michelle's birthday party?
  - a. She told her mother she wanted to go to the party instead of stay in bed.
  - b. She told her mother she felt too tired to go anyway.



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3. Which two words best describe Sophie's family? (circle two)

indifferent

thoughtful

wealthy

creative

Tell why you chose each of the words above.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



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4. \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
**clue:** an above-normal body temperature

5. \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ a \_\_\_  
**clue:** an outdoor event with games and food

6. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ g  
**clue:** past tense of ring

7. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ o \_\_\_ \_\_\_ s  
**clue:** rubber bags filled with air

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_



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They are thoughtful because they cared about how she felt  
about missing the party. They are creative because they  
figured out a way to bring the carnival games to Sophie.

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*clue: past tense of ring*

7.  b a l l o o n s

*clue: rubber bags filled with air*

7.  balloons