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Halloween Parade

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Laila stared at the paper on her desk like it was a failed test. Really it was instructions on this year's Halloween parade. In big bold letters it said, "All costumes



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be decided by who spent the most money on their costume."

Laila looked at her friend Jeffrey smiling in his seat. His parents couldn't afford expensive costumes, so he always ended up wearing his brother's old ones. Laila knew this year Jeffrey wouldn't have to worry about wearing an old costume. He'd be making one like everyone else.

"Would anyone like to share what they are going to be?" Mr. Fredrickson asked.

Kids raised their hands, volunteering ideas. Ethan was going to be a robot using cardboard boxes and tinfoil. Aria was going to make a ghost costume out of a white sheet. Jenny's mother was going to sew her a cat costume.



Laila thought about her costume all day. She really wanted to be a princess. But could she make a costume? At home, she asked her mother to help her.

“Sure, sweetie,” her mom said. “What if you wore last year’s

Christmas dress? We can make you a matching cape with the old



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“Well, what do you think?” her mom asked.

Laila stared at her reflection in the mirror. “It’s not like my purple costume at all.”

“Well, no,” her mother said.

Laila remembered the fun she had last Christmas in this very dress. And the cape reminded her of Thanksgiving dinner with her family. This costume had something the store bought costume didn’t, memories. She smiled. “It’s better, Mom. Thanks for helping me.”

Her mom smiled. “You’re going to be the hit of the Halloween parade.”

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1. What paper did Laila have on her desk at the beginning of the story?

- a. a failed test
- b. information about the Halloween parade
- c. a coupon for a costume
- d. a permission slip to go to the parade



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4. List five things Laila used to make her costume.

5. The pictures below show three of Laila's classmates. Write their names below the pictures.



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



1. ___ p ___ i v ___



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5. ___ i ___ ___ o r

clue: glass surface that reflects a clear image

5. _____

6. ___ o ___ t ___ m ___

clue: outfit or disguise worn on Halloween

6. _____

7. ___ e ___ o ___ i ___ s

clue: things that have been remembered

7. _____

8. ___ ___ ___ t t ___ ___

clue: tiny bits of plastic or metal that shine

8. _____

9. ___ a ___ a ___ ___

clue: group of people walking together along a street to celebrate a special event

9. _____

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In the story, "Halloween Parade," Laila's mother helps her make a homemade princess costume for the Halloween parade.



Imagine you were going to make a homemade costume for yourself. What



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Aria



Ethan



Jenny

ANSWER KEY

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8. g l i t t e r

clue: tiny bits of plastic or metal that shine

9. p a r a d e

clue: group of people walking together along a street to celebrate a special event

8. glitter

9. parade