Lily and the Missing Keys

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Lily’s mom couldn't find her keys. They weren't in her pockets or purse.

“Let's look where we put the groceries,” Lily said.

“Good idea,” Mom said.

They looked in the refrigerator. They looked in the freezer. They looked in the pantry.

“Maybe my keys are in the car,” Mom said.

“No,” Lily said. “You used them to get in the house.”

“You’re right, but then where are they?”

“Hmm.” Lily thought hard. Suddenly, she smiled. “I have an idea.”

She opened the house door to the garage. “Yippee!” she cried. There, in the doorknob were Mom’s keys!
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1. What were Mom and Lily doing when Mom lost her keys?
   
   a. playing a board game  
   b. making cookies  
   c. putting away groceries  
   d. watering the plants

2. Where is the first place Mom looks for her keys?

3. Why does Lily think Mom's keys must be in the kitchen?

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4. Where does Lily find Mom's keys at the end of the story?

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Draw lines to match the words from the story with their meanings.

1. garage ● ● a handle on a door that you use to open it

2. groceries ● ● something you say when you are happy or excited

5. yippee ● ● a building where cars are stored

6. refrigerator ● ● small room where food is stored
In the story, “Lily and the Missing Keys,” Lily and her mom look all over the kitchen until they finally find the missing keys.

Tell about a time when you lost something. What did you lose? Who helped you find it? Where was it when you finally found what you were looking for? Use complete sentences.
1. What were Mom and Lily doing when Mom lost her keys?  
   a. playing a board game  
   b. making cookies  
   c. putting away groceries  
   d. watering the plants

2. Where is the first place Mom looks for her keys?  
   a. her pockets and purse  
   b. in the refrigerator and freezer  
   c. in the pantry  
   d. on the counters

3. Why does Lily think Mom's keys must be in the kitchen?  
   Lily thinks Mom's keys are in the kitchen because they haven't gone anywhere else since they got home.

4. Where does Lily find Mom's keys at the end of the story?  
   Lily finds Mom's keys in the doorknob of the door leading from the garage into the house.
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