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.”


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

“No, not eggs.” Raj walked outside.

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

“No 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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1. According to the story, what is Holi?
   a. a holiday from Egypt  
   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. __________________________
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4. Sammy tried to guess what he a Raj were going to do. What were two of Sammy’s
guesses?
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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 each word correctly.

1. ____ nd ____ a
   
   hint: a country in Asia

2. s ____ ____ p ____ ____ s ____

3. ____ el ____ o ____
   
   hint: a color

4. h ____ li ____ ____ y
   
   hint: a special day of the year

5. cl ____ t ____ ____ s
   
   hint: you wear these

6. ____ ____ la ____ h ____ d
   
   hint: moved or pushed water

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In the story, "The Holiday Surprise," Sammy celebrated an Indian holiday called Holi, with his friend Raj.

Do you have any traditions that you celebrate with family or friends? Tell about your tradition and be sure to include what holiday you celebrate it on.
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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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1. India
   Hint: A country in Asia

2. Surprise
   Hint: Something unexpected

3. Yellow
   Hint: A color

4. Holiday
   Hint: A special day of the year

5. Clothes
   Hint: You wear these

6. Splashed
   Hint: Moved or pushed water

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Hint: Moved or pushed water