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Weathering the Storm

By Kelly Hashway

Sara stared out the window, watching the gusts of wind blow the trees until they looked like they'd tip over. She sighed, thinking about the birthday party she would've been having if the hurricane hadn't ruined her plans. She



"It's not the same. My birthday is today, not next weekend." Sara turned on the television. She wanted to watch anything other than the storm. But just about every station was talking about the hurricane. "I can't even watch my favorite shows. This hurricane is ruining everything."

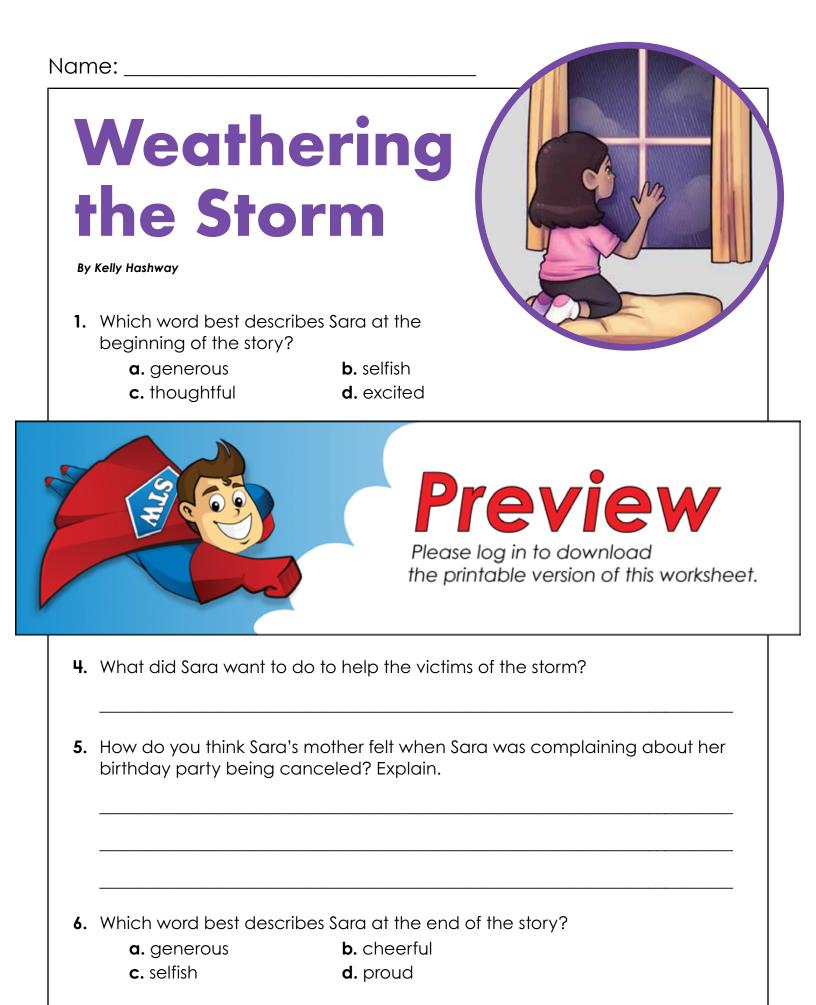
Her mother sat down next to her. "The hurricane is ruining a lot. Look at that. Those people are trying to save their houses. Could you imagine if we lost our home?"

Sara looked at the images on the television screen. The storm did look bad. She knew she'd be really upset if her family lost their home. All her stuff would be gone forever, and where would they live? "What's going to happen to all those people? Will they be okay?" Sara asked.



Sara nodded. "And maybe I could donate my birthday money. Those people are going to need it more than I do."

Her mother smiled and hugged her. "I'm really proud of you, Sara. Helping others is a great way to weather the storm."





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In the story, "Weathering the Storm," Sara's birthday is canceled because of a hurricane. When Sara realizes that many people will lose their homes in the hurricane, she donates her birthday money to help them.



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who might be losing men nomes.

6. Which word best describes Sara at the end of the story?

a. generous c. selfish **b.** cheerful **d.** proud

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8. <u>e.</u> donate

h. to build again

Now try this: Find all of the vocabulary words in the story and highlight them.