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Big City Fun

By Kelly Hashway



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As Emily stepped off the train into Penn Station, she looked around at all the people rushing here, there, and everywhere. Emily clutched her older sister's hand and wished she was back home in Pennsylvania.

“This way, Em,” Diana said, ushering Emily through the crowd and onto the streets of New York City.

Emily closed her eyes, trying to block out the city noise and picture her peaceful backyard at

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home filled with giant trees and the field of lush, green grass.

“Open your eyes, silly. You don't want to miss this,” Diana said.

“Keep up girls,” Dad said, taking Mom's hand and leading them down the avenue.

Emily peeked out one eye. People were everywhere, and the buildings were huge. “Aren't there



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were colorful and animated. Before she knew it, she was smiling. “Where are we going?” she asked her mom. Her parents had kept the reason for the trip a secret, saying it was a surprise.

“You'll see.” Her mom smiled back at her.

They kept walking, and Emily took in all the sights. Everything seemed bigger here. Taller buildings, more people, brighter signs. Finally, they reached a store

rite, and they even played a giant keyboard on the floor by jumping on the keys. Emily had never had so much fun. By the time they left, it was getting dark.

“Let's find a nice place to eat dinner,” Dad said.

But Emily just stared at the city all lit up like a Christmas tree. “This is incredible.” She was still happy she lived in the country, but she knew she wanted to visit the city again very soon.

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1. What is Penn Station?
 - a. a train station in Pennsylvania
 - b. a train station in New York
 - c. a toy store in New York
 - d. the town where Emily lives
2. Based on the information in the story, which sentence is most likely to be true?
 - a. Emily had never been to a toy store.
 - b. Emily had never visited New York City before.



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3. How do Emily's feelings about the city change in this story?

4. This story is mostly about ...
 - a. a girl who persuades her parents to take her to the city.
 - b. a girl who reads many interesting facts about the city.
 - c. a girl who compares and contrasts the city to her home in the country.
 - d. a girl who gets into trouble while visiting the city.

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The words below are scrambled words from the story.
Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Check
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1.

u	s	r	g
e	n	h	i

Clue: showing or guiding someone



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4.

s	u
l	h

Clue: thick, rich, and abundant

5.

a	l	a	r
v	c	n	i

Clue: fair

6.

a	d	e	b
r	o	y	k

Clue: piano-like musical instrument

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In the story, "Big City Fun," Emily visits New York City with her family. She notices that it is much different from her home in the country.

If you could choose between living in a big city, the suburbs, or the rural countryside, which would you choose? Why?



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6. a d e b
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keyboard

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