

“The 20”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

It is Levi’s birthday.
He has a party at home with his family.
Everyone sings, “Happy Birthday!”

Levi has nine candles on his cake. He blows them out. He opens his presents.
Levi’s mother and father give him a bicycle.
Levi’s little sister gives him a game.
Levi’s uncle gives him a baseball jersey.
Levi’s grandma and grandpa give him 20 dollars!

“Thank you!” he yells to everyone.

Levi is excited. He likes all his presents.
He likes the 20 dollars best.
It means he can go to the store. He can buy anything he wants!

“Can we go to the store now, Mom?” asks Levi.
Mom frowns. “Levi, your guests are still here. I will take you to the store tomorrow.”

That night, Levi dreams of all the things he might buy with his 20 dollars.

Maybe I will buy a video game!
Maybe I will buy a guitar!
Maybe I will buy a camera!
Maybe I will buy a tool kit!

In the morning, Mom takes Levi and his little sister to the store.

“Will you buy me something, too?” asks Levi’s little sister.
“Maybe,” Levi says. He runs to look around the store.

Ugh!
The guitar costs more than 20 dollars.
The video game costs more than 20 dollars.
The camera costs more than 20 dollars.
The tool kit costs 12 dollars.
Levi buys the tool kit.

He buys his little sister a key chain.
He buys his mom a pack of gum.

“You are a sweet boy,” Levi’s mom tells him.



Questions:

1) Who is at Levi's party?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. his friends
- B. his parents
- C. his teachers
- D. his uncle

2) How old is Levi?

- A. _____

3) What does Levi's sister give him?

- A. a baseball jersey
- B. a bike
- C. a game
- D. money

4) How does Levi feel about his presents?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A. He likes all of them.
- B. He likes the bike best.
- C. He likes the money best.
- D. He likes the game least.

5) What is one of the things Levi dreams of buying?

- A. a bike
- B. a camera
- C. a key chain
- D. a baseball jersey

6) Why does Levi's mom frown at him?

- A. Levi is mean to his sister.
- B. Levi asks for more money.
- C. Levi does not thank everyone for his gifts.
- D. Levi wants to go to the store during the party.

7) When does Levi go to the store?

- A. _____

8) What doesn't Levi know?

- A. that the store is closed
 - B. that his baseball jersey is too big
 - C. that most things he wants cost more than 20 dollars
 - D. that his sister has more money than he does
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