

## “The Park”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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



Reem likes to go to the park with her mom.

She likes to play at the park with her friends.

Today when Reem goes to the park, she looks around and becomes very sad.

“What is wrong, Reem?” Mom asks.

“There is so much trash on the ground,” Reem says. “It seems like each day, I see more trash here.”

Reem and her mom look around.

There are old boxes on the ground.

There are popped balloons on the ground.

There are old cans, too.

“You are right,” Mom says. “The park is very dirty.”

“What can we do?” Reem asks.

“I am sure you will think of something,” Mom says.

Reem and her mom go home. Reem paints a picture of a park. She uses blue, green, brown and yellow paint.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN, she writes in big letters on top of her picture.

“Let’s go back to the park, Mom,” Reem says.

“Okay,” Mom says.

Reem grabs a bunch of trash bags to take with her. She also brings along some tape.

When Reem gets to the park, she tapes her picture on a big trashcan.

“Here you go!” she says to her mom. She hands Mom a bag. “Will you help me pick up the trash?”

“I sure will,” Mom says.

The children at the park run over to see what is going on.

Reem hands them bags. “Let’s clean this place up,” she says.

The children pick up lots of trash. They talk and laugh as they work. Soon all the bags are full.

“We need to **come back another day**. There is still some trash on the ground,” Reem says. “But the park looks much better.”

“It does,” Mom says. “I knew you would think of some way to help.”

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### Questions:

1) Why is Reem sad?

- A. her friends are not at the park
- B. she cannot find her mom
- C. there is a lot of trash at the park
- D. she hurts herself on the slide

2) What is on the ground?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  old cans
- B.  old boxes
- C.  old food
- D.  old shoes

3) What does Reem do when she gets home?

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4) Where does Reem put her picture?

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5) Why does Reem tape her picture to the trashcan?

- A. so people can see it
- B. so it falls to the ground
- C. so people get mad
- D. She is tired of holding it

6) Who helps Reem pick up trash?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  her dad
- B.  her mom
- C.  no one
- D.  other children

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Questions (continued):

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7) What does Reem give the children?    8) What does Reem learn at the park?

- A. brooms
- B. gifts
- C. mops
- D. trash bags

- A. that she can help make things better
- B. that people do not care about the park
- C. that her mom does not like to pick up trash
- D. that the park has no trashcans

9) How might Reem and her friends feel after cleaning up?

- A. funny
- B. good
- C. mad
- D. sad

10) How does the park look after everyone cleans it up?

- A. all clean
- B. better
- C. very dirty
- D. more dirty

11) Why does Reem say that she will **come back another day**?

- A. to play at the park
- B. to clean up more trash
- C. to empty the trash bags
- D. to show her dad her work

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Can you think of other ways to fight pollution and preserve the environment?

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