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Heritage Fair

The 5 W's Comprehension Worksheet – Answer Key

The Disappearance at Maplewood Library

It was a quiet Friday afternoon when Emily decided to stop by the Maplewood Library after school. She needed a few books for her history project and figured she'd be in and out in no time. As she walked between the tall shelves, she noticed Mr. Harris, the librarian, looking unusually nervous. He kept glancing toward the back room and checking his watch.

Curious, Emily wandered closer. She heard a faint thud from behind the door marked "*Staff Only.*" Her heart pounded. Was someone back there? As she leaned in to listen, the door suddenly creaked open. A man in a dark jacket slipped out, carrying a box. He didn't see Emily as he hurried past, disappearing out the back exit.

When Emily peeked inside the room, she saw the library's donation jar — empty. The money that had been raised for new books was gone. She rushed to tell Mr. Harris, but when they returned, the room was empty.

"I knew something felt off," Mr. Harris muttered, shaking his head. "We'll have to check the security cameras."

Emily couldn't help but wonder — who was the man? What was in that box? And why would someone steal from a library?

Instructions:

Read the story carefully and answer the questions below. Use complete sentences where possible.

1. **Who** is the main character in the story?

The main character in the story is Emily.

2. **What** happened that caused the problem?

A man stole the library's donation money from the back room.

3. **When** did the event take place?

The event took place on a quiet Friday afternoon after school.

4. **Where** did the story occur?

The story occurred at the Maplewood Library.

5. **Why** was Emily curious about the back room?

Emily noticed Mr. Harris looking nervous and heard a noise from the back room.

Bonus Question:

If you were Emily, what would you do next?