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# Labyrinth

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As Marcus, Lexi, and Adam walked up to the giant cornfield labyrinth, their eyes widened in amazement.

"We have to race through that?" Lexi asked.

Adam nodded. "The team with the fastest time wins."

"But it's all chance, isn't it?" Lexi asked. "You just keep wandering around until



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"What if we can't find our way out?" Lexi asked.

"Don't worry," Adam said. "They have white flags on long poles all over the maze. All you have to do is raise one up, and they send someone to get you."



When their turn arrived, they stood at the entrance, waiting for the whistle that would start the clock. The second it blew, they raced straight ahead and came to an intersection.

"Which way?" Lexi asked.

"Left?" Adam suggested.

They went left, and after a while they reached

a dead end. They raced back to the intersection and headed to the right. When they came to a new intersection, Adam thought he had this figured out.

"The last one was right, so this one must be left."

They raced to the left, but were met by another dead end. They backtracked again. Adam insisted left had to be next after two rights, and this time he was correct. But after a few missed tries, they discovered the next two turns were left as well.

Marcus stopped when they came to another intersection. "Right, right, left, left, left."

"What?" Lexi asked.

"I think it's a pattern. Remember Adam said they put white flags in here to



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were convinced they'd figured out the maze.

They reached the exit and ran out into the crowd. The judge stopped the clock and smiled. "Well, it looks like we have our winners by about ten seconds."

Marcus smiled, proud of himself for figuring out the pattern behind the labyrinth.



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1. What is the definition of a labyrinth?
  - a. a maze
  - b. a cornfield
  - c. a group of friends
  - d. a pattern
2. What are the white flags in the corn maze for?
  - a. They help people see how to get through the maze.



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figured out.

The underlined word means...

- a. a place where two roads meet
  - b. a place where a road ends; a dead end
  - c. a place where there is a curve in the road
  - d. a bench on the side of a road or path
5. During which season (summer, spring, winter, fall) does this story probably take place? How do you know?

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The words below are scrambled words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Check back in the story to make sure each word is spelled correctly.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ e t r n a c e n



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**hint:** a repeated action or design

4. \_\_\_\_\_ c t e t r e s n i o i n

**hint:** place where two paths cross

5. \_\_\_\_\_ p a e c

**hint:** speed

6. \_\_\_\_\_ e j d g u

**hint:** person in charge of declaring a winner

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In the story "Labyrinth," Marcus, Lexi, and Adam are competing in a corn maze race. They need to get through a corn maze more quickly than the other teams in order to win.

Describe a time when you participated in a competition.

Describe the event, who you were with, and what the experience was like for you.



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## ANSWER KEY

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**This story probably takes place in the fall because that is when corn stalks are tallest. Most corn mazes are only open in the fall.**



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6.           **judge**          

e j d g u

**hint:** person in charge of declaring a winner