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Thanksgiving Box

by Anita Amin

"Does this mean we're not having Thanksgiving today?" Molly asked her mom in the kitchen. They were wearing coats and mittens, but Molly still felt cold.

"Well, we can't cook because the power is out," Mom said. "Without electricity, the oven doesn't work. I need the oven to make the turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. Unless the electricity goes back on, we're out of luck."

"Can't you cook food in here?" Molly asked, pointing to the microwave.



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"We're having peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for dinner."

"But Thanksgiving is about turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. Not peanut butter and jelly!"

Mom said, "Thanksgiving is more than that, Molly. It's about giving thanks. It's about being happy with what you have."

Molly frowned. "I guess..."

The door opened. Molly's dad stepped in with some firewood. Snow fell off of him. "I just heard Mrs.



Wilson has no food. And her family can't come see her because of the snow."

Mrs. Wilson lived alone next door.

"Can we take her some food?" Molly asked.

"Yes," Mom said.

"I'll pack a special box of food for her." Molly got a box. She packed apples, grapes, and bread in the box. She put jars of peanut butter and jelly in the box. Her mom added cheese and crackers.

Then, they went next door.

"Happy Thanksgiving," Molly told Mrs. Wilson. Molly handed Mrs. Wilson the special box she had prepared.

Mrs. Wilson thanked them. "Will you stay for dinner?"

"That would be nice," Mom said.

Dad built a fire in Mrs. Wilson's fireplace



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friends like you."

Molly smiled. "Today turned out to be fun. I'm thankful we spent it with you."

Then, the lights turned on. Everyone cheered. The power was back on!

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1. Why couldn't Molly's mom make turkey, stuffing, or pumpkin pie?

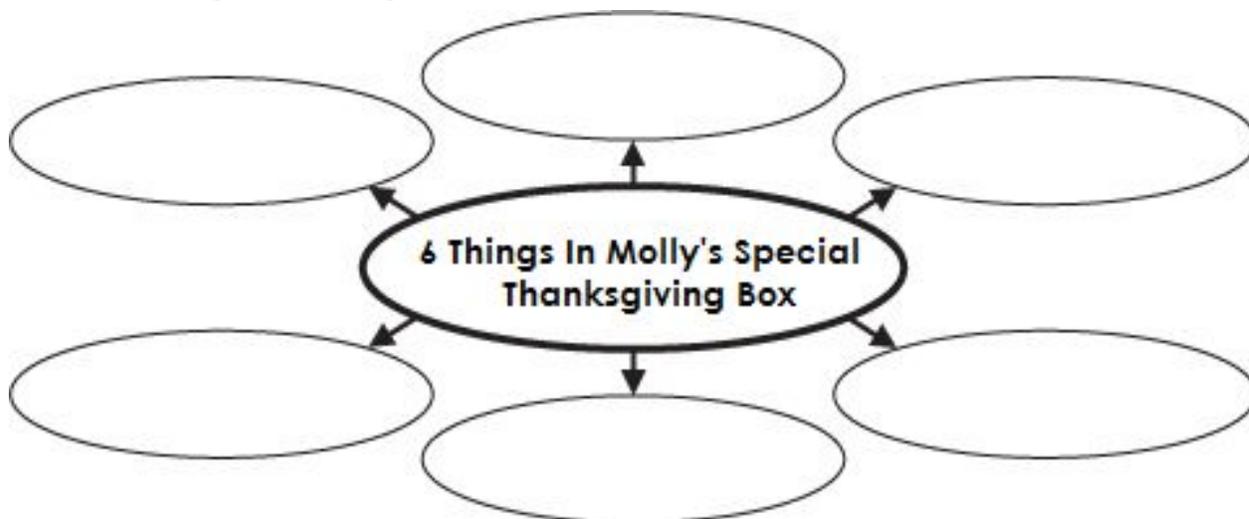
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3. Complete the graphic organizer.



4. Molly liked it when Mrs. Wilson...

- a. told scary stories
- b. told stories about her grandchildren
- c. told stories that made everyone laugh
- d. told stories about her childhood

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Draw straight lines to match each vocabulary word on the left with its definition on the right.

1. mittens • • food made from curds of milk

2. loaf • • gloves with two sections - one for the thumb and one for all four fingers

3. stuffing • • energy that powers things, such as computers, ovens, and refrigerators

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6. electricity • • sweet, spreadable food made from fruit juice and sugar

ANSWER KEY

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1. Why couldn't Molly's mom make turkey, stuffing, or pumpkin pie?

The electricity was out and the oven would not work.

2. Who is Mrs. Wilson?

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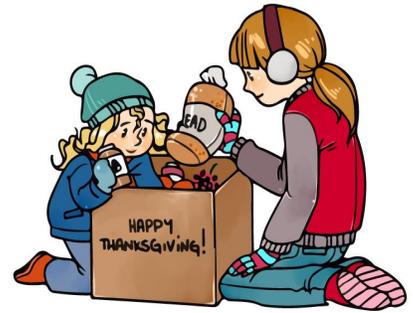
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