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Read the story “Friends Go Shopping” before answering Numbers 18 through 23.

Friends Go Shopping

Sonja, Urie, and Gabrielle were shopping with Urie’s mom at the mall one day. They always enjoyed each other’s company when strolling through the stores and daydreaming about wearing the newest fashions. There was one catch today, though. They had only five dollars each to spend.

The girls were eager to take a peek at the jewelry store, the music store, and the many other interesting shops in the mall. They couldn’t help dashing across the mall and through the stores. Urie told her friends that she was starting to get hungry. They headed over to the food court, where a variety of snacks were available. Soon, most of their money was gone.

After lunch, the girls continued shopping. As Sonja passed a clothing store, she stopped suddenly, and Urie and Gabrielle turned to look at Sonja. “What is it, Sonja?” asked Gabrielle.

“That sweater in the store window,” answered Sonja, “I just have to get it!”

“I bet that style would look amazing on you,” said Urie, “and it looks like the store carries one in your favorite color!”

“I know. I love that shade of purple,” said Sonja. “I’ve been hunting for one just like it for months!” Sonja rushed into the store and tried the sweater on, hoping it would fit. The sweater fit perfectly. But the price was more than Sonja could afford.

Sonja remembered shopping with her mother a few months ago. Sonja’s mother had wanted to buy a dress that she had tried on. But the store had only one dress in her size, and it had a large smear of dirt on the collar. When Sonja’s mother brought the soiled dress to the salesclerk’s attention, he had given her a discount. Sonja’s mother bought the dress at a reduced price, and she had removed the stain at home.

Sonja examined the sweater for flaws, but she didn’t find any stains or tears. “What if I ‘accidentally’ got lipstick on this?” Sonja

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wondered. “Would I get a discount, too? But that would be dishonest,” she said to herself, as she reluctantly put the sweater back on the clothing rack and joined her friends.

“I need to talk to you two,” she said. “I really need your opinion. I want that sweater, but I don’t have enough money to buy it.” Sonja quickly told her friends about her mother’s dress. “I’m tempted to get it dirty and ask for a discount. What do you think?”

“Sonja, that’s not like you,” Gabrielle said, frowning. “Why don’t you just wait until you have the money?”

“But how would I ever get enough money to buy that sweater?” asked Sonja.

“You can do extra chores at home,” answered Urie. “If you save all of your money, you’ll have enough in no time.”

Sonja looked at the sweater and then turned back to her friends. “You’re right. I can earn the money if I work hard. I’m lucky to have friends who always remind me of the right thing to do!”



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Now answer Numbers 18 through 23. Base your answers on the story
“Friends Go Shopping.”

18 Where does MOST of this story take place?

- (F) in a bookstore
- (G) in a food court
- (H) in a music store
- (I) in a clothing store

19 Read this sentence from the story.

“I’ve been hunting for one just like it for months!”

Why does the author use the word *hunting* in the sentence above?

- (A) to show that Sonja isn’t sure she wants to spend her money on a sweater
- (B) to show that Sonja’s friends think Sonja would look nice in a purple sweater
- (C) to show that Sonja has a purple sweater at home just like the one in the store
- (D) to show how hard Sonja has been trying to find a sweater like the one in the store

20 In what way are Gabrielle, Sonja, and Urie all ALIKE?

- (F) They like the same color.
- (G) They enjoy going shopping.
- (H) They do extra chores to earn money.
- (I) They save their money to buy new clothes.

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- 21 What is Sonja's MAIN problem in the story?
- (A) Her friends don't like the sweater she likes.
 - (B) She doesn't have enough money to buy something.
 - (C) Her friends want to leave her to go to the food court.
 - (D) She doesn't know which color would look best on her.

- 22 Read these sentences from the story.

But the store only had one dress in her size, and it had a large smear of dirt on the collar. When Sonja's mother brought the soiled dress to the salesclerk's attention, he had given her a discount.

Which words from the story BEST help the reader figure out what the word *soiled* means in the sentence above?

- (F) one dress in her size
 - (G) a large smear of dirt
 - (H) salesclerk's attention
 - (I) given her a discount
- 23 What is the MAIN lesson that Sonja learns?
- (A) Buying new clothes is expensive.
 - (B) Shopping with friends is a lot of fun.
 - (C) Having friends who look out for you is important.
 - (D) Making enough money to buy clothes can be difficult.