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Reading and Analyzing Text

Read the story “The Color Wheel” before answering Numbers 1 through 6.

The Color Wheel

Jaden and Noah were planning to redecorate their bedroom. The brothers were quite excited and ready to make changes, but mostly, they were eager to start painting.

“It’s going to look so awesome with green walls,” said Jaden.

“What? Who said anything about green walls?” Noah argued. “I was planning to paint our room red.”

“Red will look horrible, and besides, green is a much better color,” Jaden replied.

The boys’ smiles disappeared, and frowns started to become visible.

“Okay, let’s think about this. I’m sure we can decide on a color together,” said Noah.

“Hey, I have an idea that might be useful. Our art teacher showed us how to use a color wheel, which displays all of the colors of the rainbow. All of the colors are arranged in a circle, and the color wheel shows how new colors are made from mixing certain main colors together. Let’s look at a color wheel and see what we can come up with,” Jaden suggested.

Jaden pulled out a book about art that included a color wheel.

“How is that going to help us?” Noah asked.

“Well, maybe we’ll find another color we both like,” Jaden answered.

Jaden opened the book to a page with a color wheel on it, and the boys began to study it. They saw that red and green are on opposite sides of the color wheel, which means they are very different from one another. Sometimes colors that are not alike work well together, but they can also be so different that they don’t work well together.

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“Hey, these colors look good together,” said Jaden. He pointed to a golden color and a green color. The colors were side by side on the color wheel, but they were not similar.

Noah agreed. “But I really do like red,” he added.

“Well, I like blue as much as I like green. What would happen if we mixed blue and red?” Jaden asked.

The boys looked at the color wheel. The color in between red and blue on the wheel was purple. They looked at each other and started to grin.

“I think we might have solved our problem,” said Jaden.

“I think you’re right,” said Noah.



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Now answer Numbers 1 through 6. Base your answers on the story
“The Color Wheel.”

- 1 What is the story MOSTLY about?
- (A) two brothers who cannot get along
 - (B) two brothers who cannot make a decision
 - (C) two brothers who discuss a problem and work it out
 - (D) two brothers who decide to paint a bedroom two colors

- 2 Read this sentence from the story.

The brothers were quite excited and ready to make changes, but mostly, they were eager to start painting.

Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *eager* in the sentence above?

- (F) annoyed
 - (G) ready
 - (H) thoughtless
 - (I) unwilling
- 3 Why does Jaden suggest that he and Noah look at a color wheel?
- (A) to find a color they both like
 - (B) to prove green is better than red
 - (C) to make Noah forget about the problem
 - (D) to show Noah what he learned in school

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- 4 Which of the following do BOTH Jaden and Noah agree about in the story?
- Ⓕ Red and green look good together.
 - Ⓖ Green and gold look good together.
 - Ⓗ Red is the best color to paint the walls.
 - Ⓘ Blue is the best color to paint the walls.
- 5 Which message can BEST be learned from the story?
- Ⓐ Some problems cannot be solved.
 - Ⓑ It is important to always prove you are right.
 - Ⓒ Meeting in the middle can solve an argument.
 - Ⓓ Family members often have the same opinions.
- 6 Which conclusion can BEST be drawn at the end of the story?
- Ⓕ Noah and Jaden will paint their bedroom purple.
 - Ⓖ Noah and Jaden will decide on a color another day.
 - Ⓗ Noah and Jaden will keep looking at the color wheel.
 - Ⓘ Noah and Jaden will paint their bedroom blue and red.