

# Bricks Story Reading

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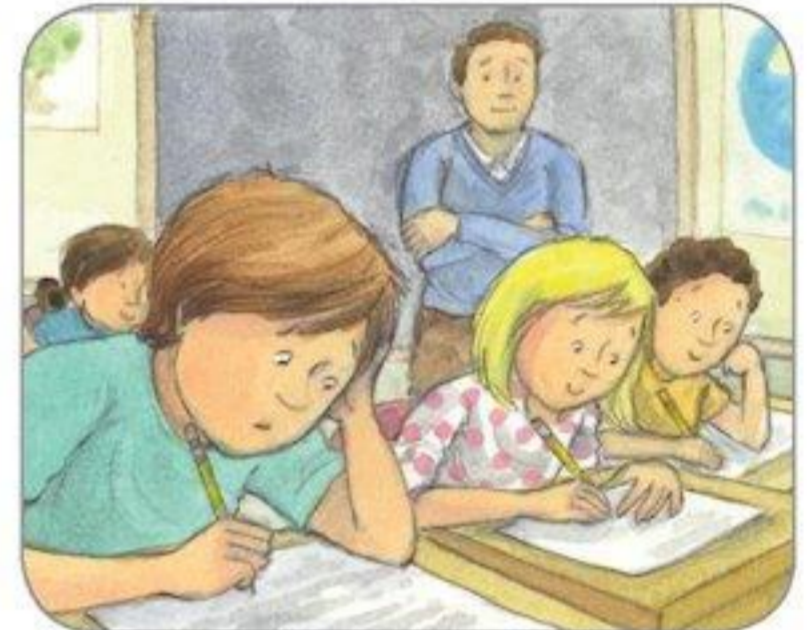
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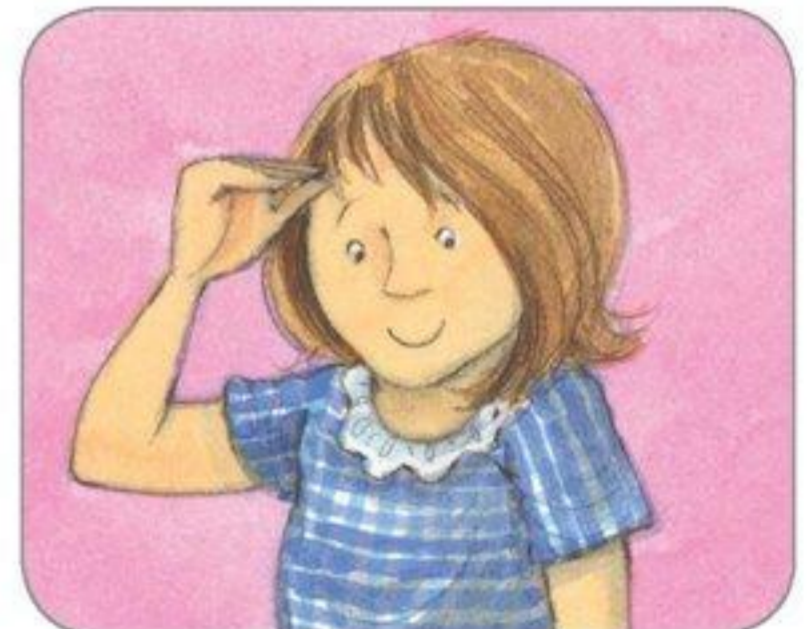
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# Unit 1

Theme: Old Things

Reading Skill: Story Elements

## Whose Old Hat Is This?



### LET'S TALK!

How can you tell the picture is from long ago?

Check  the true sentence.

- The people are watching TV.
- The people are listening to the radio.
- The people are sitting at a table.

## NEW WORDS

**attic** *n.* a room in a house just below the roof  
This **attic** is too dark and dirty.

**creaky** *adj.* having a short, high sound when moving  
The old door is **creaky**.

**old-fashioned** *adj.* having an old style  
The wooden scooter is **old-fashioned**.

**downstairs** *adv.* to the floor below  
He went **downstairs** to the basement.

**alike** *adj.* being almost the same  
Our eyes are **alike**. We have brown eyes.

**in chorus** *phrase* together and at the same time  
The class reads the book **in chorus**.

**belong to** *phrase* to have or own something  
This bike **belongs to** me. It's my bike.

**deserve** *v.* to have a right to  
I **deserve** a medal because I won the race.

# Whose Old Hat Is This?

“Mattie, let’s go up into the **attic**,” said Merrill. Mattie and Merrill climbed the **creaky** stairs. “Be careful. We might fall,” said Mattie.

There was a very old trunk in the attic. It was covered in dust. Mattie opened it and took out a very **old-fashioned** hat. Next to it was a picture of a little girl. She dusted both the hat and picture off.

“Who is that? I’ve never seen her before,” said Merrill.

“Look at her carefully. Doesn’t she look like you?” Mattie asked Merrill.

“No, she looks like Mom!” Merrill shouted. They took the picture and hat **downstairs**.

“Is this you, Mom?” asked Merrill.

“No, it’s not me,” their mom answered. “Look at that lovely smile. Look how beautiful her eyes are. We look **alike**. Now, do you know who she is?”

“Grandma?” Merrill and Mattie shouted **in chorus**.

“Yes. This hat was your grandma’s. She gave it to me 20 years ago, but I never wore it,” their mom said.

“It’s a beautiful hat, Mom,” Mattie said.

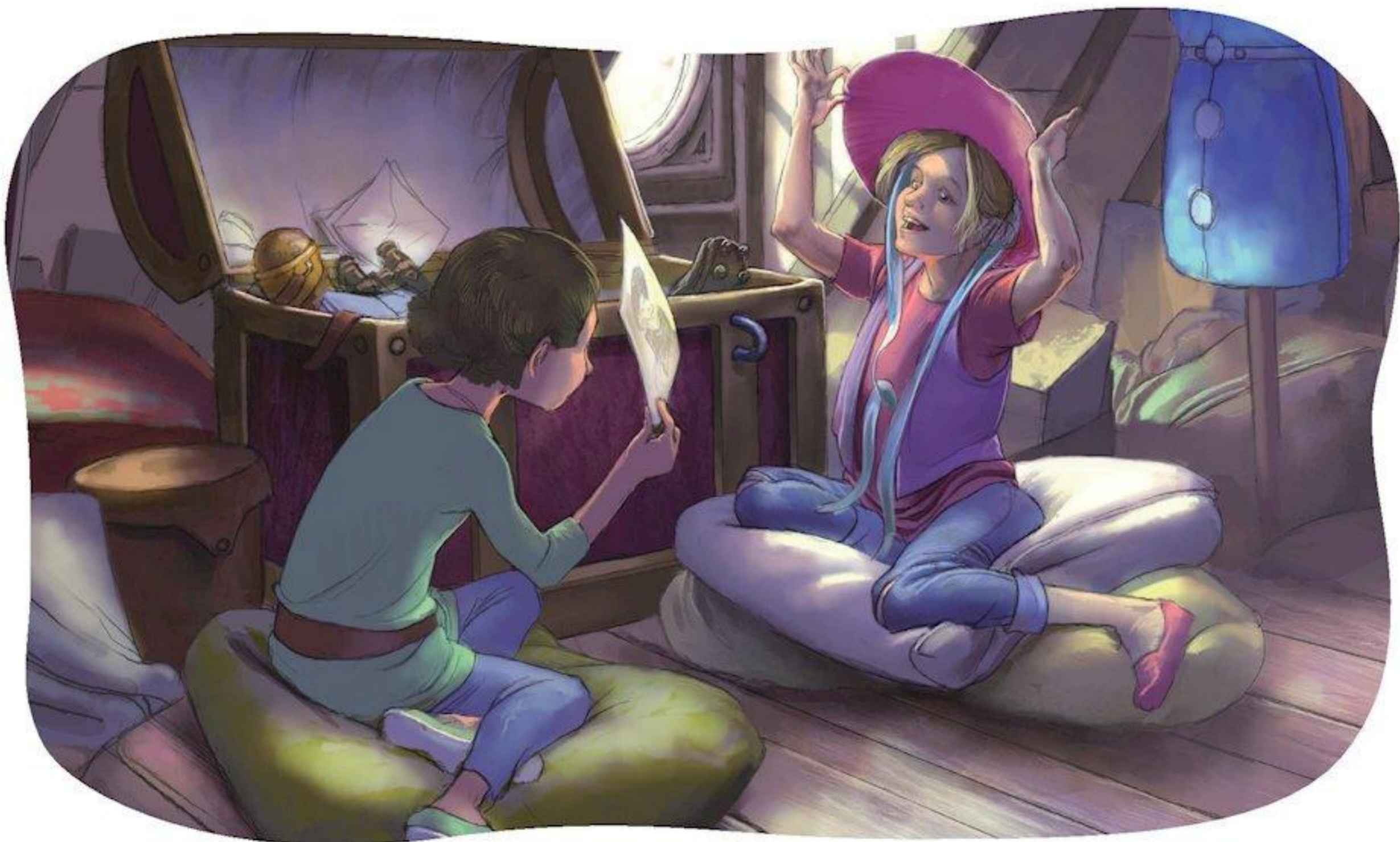
“Now it **belongs to** both of you,” their mom responded.

“You two **deserve** to have it.”

“Thank you, Mom,” the girls said.

“You’re both welcome. I’ll have it cleaned tomorrow,” their mom said.

They looked forward to wearing their “new” old hat.



# Vocabulary

**A** Choose the best words and fill in the blanks.

alike   belongs to   old-fashioned   in chorus   deserve

- 1 The wooden scooter is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Our eyes are \_\_\_\_\_. We have brown eyes.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ a medal because I won the race.
- 4 This bike \_\_\_\_\_ me. It's my bike.
- 5 The class reads the book \_\_\_\_\_.

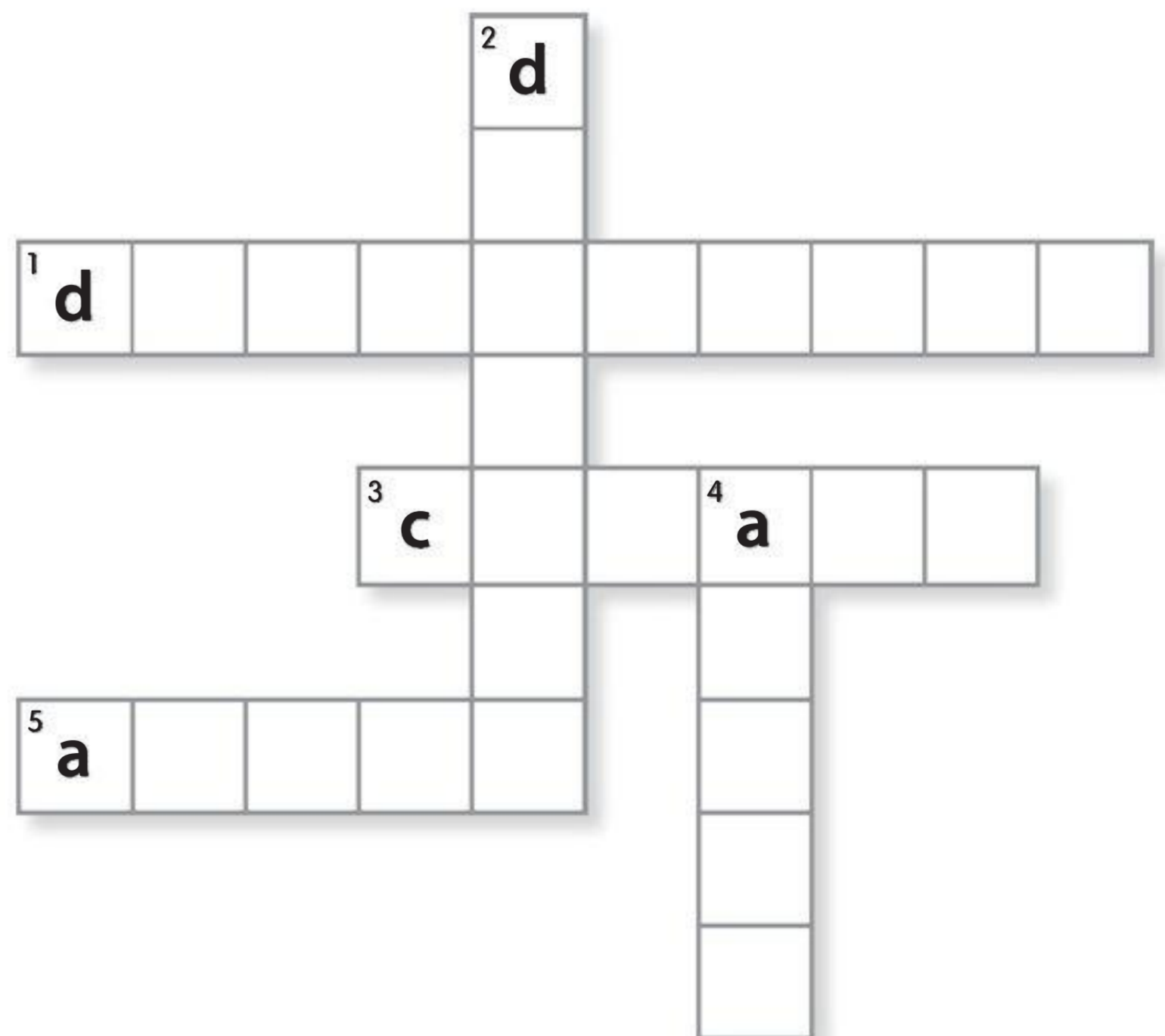
**B** Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues.

➔ **Across**

- 1 to the floor below
- 3 having a short, high sound when moving
- 5 being almost the same

↓ **Down**

- 2 to have a right to
- 4 a room in a house just below the roof



# Comprehension

## A Check T (True) or F (False).

1 Mattie and Merrill found a picture of their grandma.

T	F
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2 Mattie and Merrill's mom wore the hat many times.

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## B Choose the best answers.

1 What did Mattie and Merrill NOT find in the attic?

- a. a hat                      b. a trunk                      c. a picture                      d. a ring

2 When did Mattie and Merrill's grandma give the hat to their mom?

- a. 2 years ago                      b. 12 years ago  
c. 20 years ago                      d. 22 years ago

3 What did Mattie think about the hat?

- a. It was dirty.                      b. It was new.  
c. It was beautiful.                      d. It was ugly.

4 Who does the hat belong to now?

- a. Mattie                      b. Merrill  
c. their grandma                      d. Mattie and Merrill

## C Write the correct answers.

1 What was the old trunk covered in?

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2 What will Mattie and Merrill's mom do tomorrow?

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# Reading Skill

## Story Elements

- **Setting:** where and when a story takes place
- **Characters:** people or animals in a story
- **Plot:** what happens in the beginning, middle, and end of a story

Write the setting, characters, and plot of the story.

<b>Setting</b> (Where)	
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<b>Characters</b> (Who)	Merrill	Mattie	
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<b>Plot</b> (What)	Beginning	Merrill and Mattie found old things in the attic.
	Middle	
	End	

in the attic

Their mom gave them the old hat.

They found out the things belonged to their grandma.

Mom

# Summary

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

picture    wearing    attic    found    grandmother

Merrill and Mattie \_\_\_\_\_ an old hat and a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. Their mom told them the hat and the picture were their \_\_\_\_\_'s. She gave the hat to Merrill and Mattie. They looked forward to \_\_\_\_\_ the hat.

## Share It!

What is the oldest thing in your house?

The oldest thing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Example 1

The oldest thing in my house is my grandmother's diary.

### Example 2

The oldest thing in my house is Dad's hat. He wore it when he was young.