
When Wishes Come True

Reading Comprehension

I Wish, I Wish, I Wish

Byron was spoiled and always got his way. He had a tantrum when he didn't get what he wanted. His parents were worried, but they didn't know what to do. It all came to a head on Saturday when Byron woke up in an especially grumpy mood.

"I wish I had pancakes for breakfast instead of cereal!" commanded Byron.

Poof! A stack of pancakes appeared on his plate. Byron was surprised and squealed with delight.

Later, Byron said, "I wish Jason could come over to play right now instead of being at his soccer game."

Poof! Jason showed up in Byron's living room wearing his soccer uniform. Byron's parents were perplexed and wondered what to do. Why was Byron always getting his way? How could he make a wish and have it granted immediately?

Byron was starting to catch on to the magic of the words "I wish". Anything that he wished for came true. He began wishing for chocolate cake, a new bike, rollerblades, and even a new dog. Poof! Poof! Poof! Poof! Every single wish was granted.

Byron's parents were panicked! Byron began indulging in every single wish that he could think of. It reached a point where Byron was exhausted from all of the activities he was doing and lay sick on the couch from all of the food he ate.

"Oh, I just wish everything would go away," said Byron. Instantly, his whole house was clear and back to normal. Byron's parents breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Story Questions:

1. Which sentence shows that this is a fantasy story?
 - a. Byron was spoiled and always got his way.
 - b. "I wish I had pancakes for breakfast instead of cereal!"
 - c. Byron's parents were panicked!
 - d. Anything that he wished for came true.

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2. What is the meaning of the word *perplexed* as used in the passage?
a. honestly b. confused c. easily d. carefully

 3. Which of the following did not happen in the story?
 - a. Byron forced others to give him things.
 - b. Everything that Byron wished for was granted.
 - c. Byron's parents became worried about the granted wishes.
 - d. Byron wished for a pair of rollerblades.

Journal Writing

4. Based on the lesson Byron learned in the story above, what would you wish for and why if you were granted three wishes? **Write** about your three wishes and explain why you chose them.

Math Worksheet

5. **Practise** [calculating the perimeter and area of rectangles](#).

Word Problems

6. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ April wished that she could change the colour of her brown room. Her mother is letting her choose hot pink wallpaper with sparkles in it. First, she needs to calculate how much wallpaper she will need. Two walls of her room are 10 metres high and 18 metres wide. The other 2 walls are 10 metres high and 22 metres wide. What is the total area of her walls in square metres? What is the perimeter of her room?

 - ★ The wallpaper that April wants is sold by the square metre. If the wallpaper costs \$1.13 per square metre, how much will it cost to wallpaper her walls before tax?

Fun Stuff!

7. Have a look around the house for some yarn or string and **try out** some string tricks. Start with this [star trick](#) and make a wish!