

Today, you will read a story titled “Sheila Rae’s Peppermint Stick.” As you read, think about the actions of the characters and the events of the story. Answer the questions to help you write an essay.

Read the story titled “Sheila Rae’s Peppermint Stick” by Kevin Henkes. Then answer questions 1 through 3.

Sheila Rae's Peppermint Stick

By Kevin Henkes

- ① Sheila Rae had a peppermint stick.
It was long.
And striped.
And thin.
And sweet.
- ② Louise wanted it.
"Please?" she said.
- ③ "You can have one lick,
if you can guess
how many stripes there are,"
said Sheila Rae.
- ④ Louise thought and thought and thought.
"Thirteen – seven," she said.
"Wrong!" said Sheila Rae. "Too bad."
- ⑤ "Please?" said Louise.
"You can have one lick,
if you can reach it,"
said Sheila Rae.
Sheila Rae climbed onto a stool
and some pillows
and some books.
- ⑥ Louise sighed. "Toohigh."
"If I had two, I'd give you one,"
said Sheila Rae. "But I don't. Too bad."
- ⑦ Just then Sheila Rae stumbled.
The books fell.
The pillows fell.
The stool tipped over.
The peppermint stick
broke in half.

② "Now there are two!"
said Louise.

④ Sheila Rae had a peppermint stick.
It was short.
And striped.
And thin.
And sweet.
And Louise ha one, too.

⑩ "I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME ALL ALONG!"

1. Part A

What does **stumbled** mean as it is used in paragraph 7 of “Sheila Rae’s Peppermint Stick”?

- a. jumped
- b. fell down
- c. teased
- d. yelled

Part B

Which statement **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- a. “‘Wrong!’ said Sheila Rae. ‘Too bad.’”
- b. “Sheila Rae climbed onto a stool.”
- c. “You can have one lick, if you can reach it,…”
- d. “The pillows fell. The stool tipped over.”

2. Part A

In paragraph 6 Louise can’t reach the peppermint stick. How do you think she feels about not being able to reach it?

- a. excited
- b. angry
- c. frustrated
- d. happy

Part B

Which detail from “Sheila Rae’s Peppermint Stick” supports the answer to Part A?

- a. “Louise wanted it.”
- b. “Louise sighed. ‘Too high.’”
- c. “Now there are two!”
- d. “I was going to give you some all along!”

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