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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**Sandra Faces the Music**

CRASH! The lamp in the living room slid to the floor and smashed into pieces. Sandra had known better than to throw a football, or any ball, in the house.

“I am in big trouble,” she thought. She swept up all the broken pieces and threw them in the trash can outside. She did not want her mother to find out about the lamp and punish her. “I don’t want to get grounded. I want to go to see the high school parade tomorrow.”

That evening, before her mother went into the living room, Sandra sneaked in and turned on the ceiling light. With a strange look on her face, Mother sat down to read the newspaper. “How was your day?” she asked.

“I didn’t do anything,” Sandra said quickly.

Mother had a puzzled look on her face. “What happened, Sandra?” she asked.

Tears filled Sandra’s eyes as she told Mother about the broken lamp.

“You are grounded for one week,” said Mother, “because you threw a ball in the house and broke the lamp. But you also need time to think about how you tried to hide your mistake.”

“I have learned two lessons,” thought Sandra. “Follow the rules, and be honest. If I had done that, I would be going to the parade.”

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 Why does Sandra take the pieces of the lamp outside?

- She must clean up any mess that she makes.
- She does not want to get into any trouble.
- She has to sweep the living room each day.

2 Which word *best* describes Sandra's actions in this story?

- brave
- foolish
- jealous

3 What is the big idea behind this story?

- It is hard to fool your mother.
- It is fun to try out new things.
- It is important to be honest.

4 How does Sandra's mother feel when she learns what Sandra has done?

5 How does Sandra feel at the end of the story?

Common Core State Standards

Question 1: Literature 1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. **Questions 2, 4, 5: Literature 3.** Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. **Question 3: Literature 2.** Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.