

Name _____

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.**The Present**

Mom and I were shopping. As we passed the art store, Mom stopped and smiled at a painting of two kittens sleeping next to each other. “Are you going to buy it?” I asked Mom. “No, Susan,” she said. “I do not like the frame.”

Then we passed the pet store. Mom giggled when she saw a kitten playing with a ball.

The next day was Mom’s birthday. Dad asked, “Do you know what Mom would like for her birthday?” I told him about what happened in the mall. “Perfect,” Dad said.

That night after dinner, Dad gave Mom her present. It was a big box with holes on the side. When Mom opened the box, a tiny kitten jumped out onto her lap. “How did you know that is what I wanted?” Mom asked.

“Just a lucky guess,” Dad said. Dad and I laughed.

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 How did Susan know that Mom liked the painting?

- Mom told her she liked the painting.
- Mom smiled when she saw the painting.
- It was Mom's birthday.

2 Why did the kitten's box have holes on the side?

- so people could peek at the kitten
- so the kitten would have air to breathe
- so the kitten could look outside

3 How did Mom feel when she saw the kitten playing with the ball?

- sad
- amused
- tired

4 How did Susan know what Mom wanted for her birthday?

5 What happens *last* in this story?

Common Core State Standards

Questions 1–4: Literature 1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. **Question 5: Literature 5.** Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.