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

Sara thought about all the things her mother did around the house. Mom washed the family's dishes and clothes, and she kept the house neat and clean. She cooked the meals and made sure the family always had good food to eat. She also always made time to help Sara with her homework, even when she was tired. Sara thought her mom was the best mother in the world!

Sara picked up her room every day, but she realized she lived in the rest of the house too. She felt it was time to do more things to help her mom around the house. Sara thought of some things she could do each day and some things she could do once a week.

Sara didn't tell her mother ahead of time what she was going to do. She just started doing more things around the house. She put toys away, and she helped make dinner. She felt very proud when one night Mom said, "I want to thank my surprise helper. Sara, you have made my job much easier!"

**Turn the page.**

Answer the questions below.

**1** What is this story *mostly* about?

- A girl finds ways to help her mother.
- A girl and her mother have fun cooking.
- A girl sees all the work her mother does.

**2** What happens at the beginning of the story?

- Sara makes dinner and cleans up any messes right away.
- Sara feels proud because her mom liked having her help.
- Sara thinks about some of the things her mom does around the house.

**3** What happens at the end of the story?

- Mom thanks Sara for her help.
- Mom washes the family's clothes.
- Mom helps Sara do her homework.

**4** Tell one job around the house that Sara already does before the story begins.

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**5** What is the big idea behind this story?

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**Common Core State Standards**

**Questions 1, 5: Literature 2.** Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. **Questions 2, 3: Literature 5.** Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. **Question 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.