

The Shop That Never Was

Activity 1

Rearrange the following sentences in the correct order and put the numbers in the given boxes. One is done for you:

- (1) The shopman brought out a glass ball from his hair. 4
- (2) It was a small shop, not so well-lit. 2
- (3) Gip wanted to take the glass ball. 3
- (4) Gip dragged his father to the magic shop. 1
- (5) Gip and his father were surprised. 6
- (6) There were different kinds of magic mirrors in the shop. 5

Activity 2

Fill in the blanks using words from the Help-Box:

Gip was keen to enter the magic shop. The shop had many crystal balls. Gip's father wanted to buy some tricks for his son. The shopman performed an unexpected action.

[Help-Box: scratched, keen, unexpected, tricks, crystal]

Activity 3

Answer The Following Question:

Why did Gip find shopman's palm blank?

Answer – The shopman was a magician and he vanished the ball from his hand. So Gip found the shopman's palm blank.

Activity 4

Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements in the given boxes. Give supporting statements for each of your answers:

(a) The shopman drew out a business card from his hair.

Answer: False – He drew a business card from his cheek.

(b) Gip found the magic box in his pocket.

Answer: True – "It's in your pocket," he said.

(c) The toy sword was a magic item.

Answer: True – "A Magic Toy Sword—this is a unique one!"

(d) The narrator found his full name on the magic box.

Answer: False – Gip's full name and address on the paper.

Activity 5

Answer the following questions:

(a) Why was Gip surprised?

Answer – Gip was surprised because he discovered the magic box in his pocket.

(b) Why did the narrator fail to find out the cost of the magic items?

Answer – The narrator failed to find out the cost of the magic items because the shopman was not paying attention to him.

(c) What items did the shopman show to Gip?

Answer – The shopman showed a magic toy sword, magic train, clock, and a box of soldiers to Gip.

(d) What was the cause of the narrator’s amazement?

Answer – The narrator was amazed cause the shopman waved the magic box in air and wrapped it in a brown paper with Gip’s full name and address on the paper.

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Fill in the chart with information from the text:

Cause	Effect
(a) The narrator thought that his son would be frightened	The narrator tried to prevent the shopman.
(b) Gip’s father jumped at the shopman	He fell into utter darkness.
(c) The narrator wanted to go away from that place.	the narrator called for a cab.
(d) The magic shop was disappeared.	Gip’s father went up and down Regent Street looking for the magic shop.

Activity 7

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

(a) What did the shopman do with the drum?

Answer – The shopman asked Gip to stand on a stool and then put the drum over him.

(b) Why did the narrator think that his son would be frightened?

Answer – The narrator thought that his son would be frightened because the shopman put a big drum over the boy.

(c) Where did the narrator again find his son?

Answer – The narrator found his son again a yard away from him on Regent Street.

(d) What was the mental state of the narrator?

Answer – The narrator was at a loss for a second.