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Hayley's New Coat

by Anita N. Amin

Hayley loved her brand new coat. It was red, her favorite color. It was big and soft and cozy. Best of all, it had deep pockets.

It had hung in her closet for weeks. Hayley had waited and waited, while summer slowly melted away.

Now, the leaves on the maple trees in her yard were red. Fat pumpkins sat on every doorstep. And her bedroom windows were frosty cold.

Hayley could wear her coat! She put it on and ran outside.

Her friend, Ben, came over. He had a new coat, too. "Mine has big pockets, too! And it's my favorite color, green."

"Let's see who can put the most stuff in their pockets," Hayley said.

They stuffed their pockets with acorns, pine cones, and rocks. They picked mum flowers and berries and stuffed them in their pockets, too.

Hayley rubbed her cold hands.

She spotted a prickly burr. She picked it up but dropped it right away. It was too prickly.



"I have 50 things in my pocket," Ben said. "My pockets are full, now. What about you?"

"I only have 48." Hayley frowned. Her pockets were almost full. She looked around. She didn't see anything small to fit in her pockets.

She didn't want to lose the game, but it was too cold. She rubbed her hands again. She laughed. She had an idea!

"I have 50 things in my pocket, too!" She stuck her thumbs in her pockets.

"We both win!" Ben laughed.

They emptied their pockets. Hayley stuffed her hands into her pockets. Now, her hands felt nice and warm. Hayley loved her new coat.

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2. How does Hayley know it's time to wear her new coat?
 - a. The leaves on the maple trees are red.
 - b. There are fat pumpkins on every doorstep.
 - c. A, b, and d are correct.
 - d. The bedroom windows are frosty cold.
3. Name five items Hayley and Ben put in their coat pockets.

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5. Read the following sentence from the story.

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| 2. | prickly | • | • | made a troubled face |
| 3. | pocket | • | • | snug, comfortable |
| 4. | frosty | • | • | a prickly part of a plant that gets stuck to things |
| 5. | frowned | • | • | icy cold |
| 6. | burr | • | • | spiky, thorny |

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On the lines below, tell about a game you like to play with your friends. What is the game? Why do you like it? Have you ever won the game? Use complete sentences.



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