Dora the Storer

Dora liked things. She didn't go out looking but somehow she always spotted them, lost or thrown away, just the very things she knew would come in useful one day.

Birdcages and bookcases, bicycles and balls, Dora found and kept them all. The one thing that Dora did not have was space.

Dora had no space to put things. Dora had no space to cook things. Dora had no space to sit or eat.

"I must find more space," she said, as she clambered carefully out of bed.

Later that morning, a slip of paper squeezed in through the letter box. Dora finally found her glasses and this is what she read:

What was different about Dora's things?

Tick **one**.

- She bought them in the shop. ☐
- Someone gave them to her. ☐
- She made them herself. ☐
- They had been thrown away. ☐

What sort of things did Dora choose to collect?

Tick **one**.

- expensive things ☐
- colourful things ☐
- things that might be useful ☐
- things that she could sell ☐

It was difficult to get the piece of paper through Dora's letter box.

Find and **copy one** word that tells you this.

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Dora rushed around the house gathering up things she did not want. "I must be generous," she said. "I must take everything. It is for a very good cause."

Dora pushed her pram to and from the jumble sale hall. But as time went on, it got harder and harder to part with her precious finds. She could not help sniffing when she said goodbye to the bicycles and she cried as she wheeled away the lampshade.

Dora was exhausted when she got home. But when she looked around her house, she was pleased to see that there was so much space. There was also a lovely carpet on the floor that she hadn't seen for years.

But all that night, Dora couldn't get to sleep. She lay in the empty darkness thinking of all her precious things. She was sure they must be feeling unloved and unwanted. She could almost hear them calling to her, 'Come back and save us!'

When the sun came up, Dora dressed quickly and raced up to the hall. She could see her things through the window, waiting to be sold.

"I'll get them back," said Dora, "if I have to buy them all. At least I'm the first in the line."

Why did Dora want to give things to the jumble sale?

Write **two** reasons.

1. _____

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2. _____

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Dora cried as she pushed her pram away for the last time. Why was she sad?

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During the night, Dora decided to...

Tick **one**

- bring back everything she had taken to the jumble sale. ☐
- go to the jumble sale to buy new things. ☐
- make sure her things were sold at the jumble sale. ☐
- take even more things to the jumble sale. ☐

Circle two words that show Dora was in a rush to get back to the hall the next morning.

When the sun came up, Dora dressed quickly and raced up to the hall. She could see her things through the window, waiting to be sold.

Six hours later, Dora was still waiting. "Hello," said a voice. "Have you been here long?"

Dora turned to see a woman with a little boy smiling up at her.

"I want to look too," said the boy, so Dora lifted him up.

"Ooh, Mum!" he shouted. "There's a bike in there."

Then an old man hurried up and peered in through the window too. "Look at that lampshade!" he cried. "Just what I always wanted."

More and more people joined the line and peeped in through the window. They all saw things they wanted. "How useful! How beautiful!" they cried.

Dora said nothing, but she began to smile.

When the doors were opened and everyone rushed in, Dora was the first inside – but she didn't buy a thing.

She just watched and smiled as all her things were sold, and proudly pushed and carried off to their new homes.

The boy and the old man wanted to buy something at the jumble sale.

The boy wanted to buy a _____.

The old man wanted to buy a _____.

Why did Dora decide **not** to buy her things back?

Tick **one**.

- She thought that the jumble sale was too busy. ☐
- She did not see anything she liked. ☐
- She saw that other people wanted her things. ☐
- She did not have enough money to buy her things back. ☐

How long has Dora been waiting?

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What did Dora do to help the boy?

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How did Dora feel at the end? How do you know?

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