The Lucky Water Bottle

Riley's water bottle was special. It was dark blue. That was her favourite colour. Riley called it her lucky water bottle.

Today was Sports Day. She jumped out of bed. Riley was looking forward to the running race. She thought about the crowd chanting her name. Riley grabbed her school bag. Her lucky bottle was not there. She looked everywhere but it could not be found.

She sat in her classroom feeling worried. Her teacher helped her to feel better.

Riley lined up on the starting line. She took a deep breath. The whistle blew. She tried her hardest. Riley flew across the finish line in first place. She didn't need her lucky bottle after all!

Questions

1. What colour was Riley's water bottle? Tick one.

   - ◯ blue
   - ◯ green
   - ◯ orange

2. What event was happening that day? Tick one.

   - ◯ Science Day
   - ◯ Sports Day
   - ◯ a school trip

3. What did Riley do before the whistle blew? Tick one.

   - ◯ took a deep breath
   - ◯ count to three
   - ◯ had a drink of water

4. Who helped Riley feel better? Tick one.

   - ◯ her friend
   - ◯ her mum
   - ◯ her teacher

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   - ◯ first
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Riley used her water bottle every Sports Day. Today was the day and Riley was ready. She jumped out of bed and got dressed quickly. She couldn't wait for the running race. She tied up the laces on her trainers as she imagined the crowds cheering her name.

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Riley was grabbing her school bag when she saw that a plastic water bottle was sitting next to her lunch box and her lucky bottle was nowhere to be seen! She looked in all of the cupboards and felt her heart sink.

When she sat at her desk, her friends were very excited. She sank down into her chair. She was worried about how she would do without her lucky bottle. Riley's teacher smiled warmly as she sat beside her. She listened quietly as Riley explained her fears. Riley's teacher reminded her that she did the running and not the water bottle.

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When the time came, Riley focused on the finish line. She took slow, deep breaths. The whistle blew and she ran as fast as she could. Her class cheered as Riley flew across the finish line in first place. She didn't need a lucky bottle after all!

Questions

1. Where did Riley look for her water bottle? Tick one.

   ◯ in the cupboards
   ◯ in her school bag
   ◯ in the living room

2. Which race was Riley looking forward to? Tick one.

   ◯ the throwing competition
   ◯ the running race
   ◯ the team game

3. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

   ☐ She didn't need a lucky bottle after all!
   ☐ Today was the day and Riley was ready.
   ☐ When she sat at her desk, her friends were very excited.

4. Look at the paragraph that begins **When she sat at her desk...**
   Find and copy one word which tells us that Riley is scared.

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5. Who cheered when Riley came first in the race?

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   fears

5. Who cheered when Riley came first in the race?

   Riley's class cheered when she came first in the race.

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Riley's water bottle was no ordinary bottle. It was a brilliant, midnight blue that faded to a light sky shade at the top. Some of its faded sparkles still reflected in the sunshine. Riley always said it was her lucky water bottle.

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Sports Day had landed on a warm June day and Riley was ready. It was one of her favourite days of the year. She jumped out of bed and put her PE kit on quickly. She enjoyed the throwing competitions but adored the running races. She imagined crossing the finish line as she tied the laces on her trainers. The crowds would cheer and her class would scream her name proudly.

Riley was grabbing her school bag when she noticed a clear, plastic water bottle sitting next to her lunchbox and her lucky bottle was nowhere to be seen! It was a nightmare come true. She looked in all of the cupboards and under the kitchen table. She even looked under the dog bed. Her lucky water bottle was missing. The sound of cheers in her mind stopped abruptly.

Her friends were buzzing around her when she got to school. Their excited chatter about how they planned to win the races filled the classroom. Riley sank down into her chair. She feared how she would do without her good luck charm by her side.

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Then, Riley's teacher smiled warmly as she sat beside her. She listened quietly as Riley's fears came pouring out. "Who does the running Riley? You or the water bottle?" asked her teacher.

Riley stared down towards the finish line when the time came. She took a deep breath and got into the starting position. The whistle blew and her feet launched her forwards. She ran faster than she had ever run before. Her determined thoughts muffled the noise of the crowd. She quickly flew over the finish line in first place and her class roared. She didn't need her lucky water bottle after all!

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Questions

1. Which month was Sports Day in? Tick one.

   ◯ May
   ◯ June
   ◯ July

2. Circle one word that shows how Riley felt about not having her water bottle with her.

   She feared how she would do without her good luck charm by her side.

3. Number the events from 1-5 to show the order in which they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

   ☐ The sound of cheers in her mind stopped abruptly.
   [1] Riley always said it was her lucky water bottle.
   ☐ It was one of her favourite days of the year.
   ☐ Her determined thoughts muffled the noise of the crowd.
   ☐ She listened quietly as Riley's fears came pouring out.

4. Look at the paragraph beginning **Her friends were buzzing around her...**
   Find and copy one word which means the same as 'talking'.

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5. Where did Riley look for her lucky water bottle?

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   *She **feared** how she would do without her good luck charm by her side.*

   Award 1 mark for:

   - **feared**

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   chatter

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6. How does Riley feel when she can't find her lucky water bottle? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Riley felt scared because it says 'it was a nightmare come true' and she shared her fears with her teacher.

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