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Keep The Discussion

Directions: Read the story below carefully. Then answer each question by choosing the best answer (A-D). Think about which topics are appropriate for conversation and which are off-topic or uncomfortable.

During group reading time, Mr. Ellis asked everyone to share their favorite book. Jenna smiled and said, "I love adventure stories with treasure hunts." Carlos added, "My favorite is about a talking dog." Then, Ben raised his hand and said, "My baby sister spilled milk all over the couch yesterday, and it smelled really bad!" The group got quiet. Mr. Ellis thanked Ben for sharing but reminded everyone to keep the discussion about books.

1. What was the main topic of the class discussion?
 - A. Favorite books
 - B. Pets at home
 - C. Family stories
 - D. School rules
2. What did Ben talk about instead of staying on topic?
 - A. His favorite story
 - B. A treasure hunt
 - C. His favorite animal
 - D. His baby sister's accident
3. Why did the other students get quiet after Ben spoke?
 - A. They didn't like him
 - B. They were bored of reading
 - C. They didn't know how to respond to an off-topic comment
 - D. They were waiting for recess
4. What should Ben do next time to keep the conversation on topic?
 - A. Tell more stories about his family
 - B. Talk about what kind of books he enjoys
 - C. Stay silent the whole time
 - D. Change the subject to lunch
5. Which of these sentences would have been a better response from Ben?
 - A. "I don't like reading at all."
 - B. "My sister spilled milk on the couch."
 - C. "I like funny books about dogs."
 - D. "I forgot my homework."