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The Floating Goodbye

Directions: Read the short story carefully. Then answer the four multiple-choice questions by choosing the best answer (A, B, C, or D).

The Lost Balloon

Emma held tightly to her shiny red balloon as she and her family left the park. The wind was gentle, but suddenly a strong gust pulled the string right out of her hand. Emma gasped as the balloon drifted higher and higher into the blue sky until it disappeared behind the clouds.

Her chest felt heavy, and her eyes started to fill with tears. "It's gone," she whispered. Her dad knelt beside her and said softly, "I know you're sad. It's hard to lose something special." Emma nodded and wiped her eyes.

As they walked home, she looked up again and imagined her balloon floating toward new adventures. Thinking that maybe someone else might see it and smile made her feel a little better. She still missed it, but she also realized that memories can stay even when something is gone.

1. What happened to Emma's balloon?
 - A. It popped in the air
 - B. It blew away in the wind
 - C. She gave it to a friend
 - D. It got stuck in a tree
2. How did Emma feel right after losing her balloon?
 - A. Sad
 - B. Angry
 - C. Excited
 - D. Proud
3. What did Emma's dad do to help her?
 - A. He told her a joke
 - B. He helped her chase the balloon
 - C. He reminded her it's okay to be sad
 - D. He bought her a new balloon
4. What lesson did Emma learn by the end of the story?
 - A. Losing things never matters
 - B. Balloons are too hard to keep
 - C. Sad feelings never go away
 - D. Memories can help when we lose something