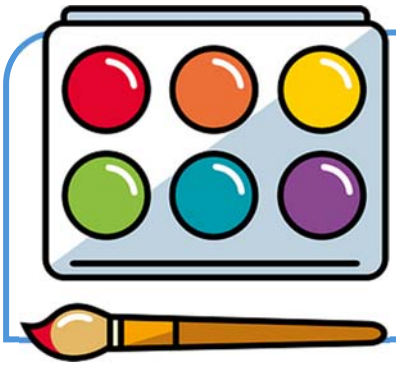
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Maya's Choice

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Think about why the character made certain choices or acted in particular ways. Write your answers in complete sentences, showing evidence or reasoning from the passage.

Maya stood in front of the art supply store, clutching the envelope her grandmother had given her. Inside was just enough money for the new watercolor set she had admired for weeks. As she walked toward the door, she noticed a boy from her class sitting on the sidewalk with a broken backpack and a small sign that read, "Need money for bus fare." Maya hesitated. She had dreamed of painting with those watercolors, but she also knew the boy lived far from school and often arrived late because he walked. She stepped closer, opened the envelope, and after a long pause, pressed some of the bills into his hand before walking away from the store.

1. Why did Maya hesitate when she saw the boy?

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2. What do her actions suggest about her values or priorities?

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3. If Maya had chosen to buy the watercolor set, what might that have revealed about her motives instead?

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4. How does Maya's decision affect how we, as readers, view her character?

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