



Racing For Meaning

Directions: Read the narrative passage below in one minute. After reading, complete the **comprehension questions** without looking back at the text.

“The Lost Compass”

Maya's heart raced as she pushed through the thick forest trail. Her class had gone on a weekend camping trip, and somehow she had taken the wrong turn while collecting firewood. The tall pine trees looked identical, and every direction seemed the same. She reached into her pocket, searching for her compass—but it was gone.

She took a deep breath, remembering what her father always said: *“When you're lost, stop and think before you move.”* So Maya closed her eyes and listened. She could hear the faint sound of running water somewhere to her right. Streams always led downhill, and downhill led back toward camp. Following the sound carefully, she soon found the small stream and walked along it until she spotted the edge of a tent through the trees. Relief washed over her. She wasn't lost anymore—just wiser than before.

- Why was Maya alone in the forest?
 - She went exploring for fun.
 - She took a wrong turn while collecting firewood.
 - She was searching for her friends.
 - She followed an animal.
- What important item did Maya lose?
 - Her flashlight
 - Her backpack
 - Her compass
 - Her shoes
- What advice did Maya remember from her father?
 - Stop and think before moving.
 - Always follow the stars.
 - Climb a tree to look around.
 - Never leave your tent.
- What sound helped Maya find her way back?
 - Wind blowing
 - People talking
 - A bird calling
 - Running water
- What lesson did Maya learn by the end of the story?
 - Never go camping again.
 - It's important to travel alone.
 - Staying calm helps you solve problems.
 - Forests are dangerous and confusing.