

"Bob the Gerbil"

Understand It!

Answer the following questions after reading:

My name is Jared and I've been begging my Mom for an **eternity** for a pet gerbil. After promising to keep my room clean, she finally **caved** in. We went to the pet store and I picked out the cutest little gerbil. He looked like a Bob. So that's what I named him. When we arrived home I took Bob straight up to my room to play. It took me a few minutes to find a toy for Bob in my **disastrous** closet. And when I turned around, he was gone! I was **panicking**. I looked everywhere, even under my bed. He seemed to be nowhere in the room. I went into the living room and sat on the couch. I thought, if I were a gerbil where would I be? I knew Bob really liked carrots. I came up with a plan. I would set a bunch of carrots in the middle of my room to **lure** Bob out of hiding! I snuck some carrots so my mom wouldn't ask questions. I laid some carrots in the middle of my room, hoping that Bob would sniff them out. I only had to wait one minute and he had poked his little head right out from under the bed! I laughed. I didn't even see him under the bed the first time I looked. I guess my mom is right, I do need to keep my room more tidy!

1. The main idea was...
 - a. Do not get a gerbil
 - b. Eat carrots
 - c. Take care of your pet
 - d. Beg your mom for things
2. I predict Jared's mom would be ____ he lost Bob.
 - a. angry
 - b. happy
 - c. sad
 - d. glad
3. Why did Jared sneak carrots?
 - a. to surprise Bob
 - b. he does not like carrots
 - c. It was late at night
 - d. So his mom would not find out Bob was lost
4. What trait best describes Jared?
 - a. clean
 - b. problem-solver
 - c. trouble-maker
 - d. organized

WORD WORK Color the words in the passage that match each category below:

 red Contractions

 blue Plurals

 green Adjectives

 orange Proper Nouns

VOCABULARY Copy the 5 **bold** words from the passage. Use context clues and what you know to define each word:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____