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Max and the Magnet

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Max played in the sandpit. His steel key fell out of his pocket. It sank in the sand.

Max dug and dug with both hands. He could not find it. "It is lost," said Max.

Then Max felt a thing in his other pocket. It was a horseshoe magnet from school.

He held the magnet over the sand. He moved it from side to side.

Click! Something stuck to the magnet. It was the key, up out of the sand!

Max ran to show his big sister, Rosa. Rosa had a bar magnet, too.

Rosa held her magnet by Max's. They pulled together with a loud snap.

Then Rosa turned hers around. Now they pushed apart! They would not touch.

Max said, "A magnet has two ends. Different ends pull together. The same ends push apart."

Max zipped his key in his pocket. Rosa said, "Magnets are for tools, not mouths."

Questions

1. What fell into the sand?

A. Max's magnet
B. Max's house key
C. Rosa's ball

2. What does Max have in his other pocket?

A. A toy
B. A coin
C. A horseshoe magnet

3. What happens when Max holds the magnet over the sand?

A. The key jumps up and sticks to it
B. The sand sticks to it
C. Nothing happens

4. Why do the two magnets push apart when Rosa turns hers around?

A. Rosa is pushing
B. They are broken
C. The same ends push away

5. Why does Max zip his pocket at the end?

A. It is cold

B. So the key will not fall out again

C. He has a new coat

6. What does "push" mean?

A. Move away

B. Move closer

C. Hold still

Words to know

magnet: pulls some metal

sandpit: a box of sand

snap: a quick click

pocket: a small pouch

pull: move closer

push: move away

Answer key: Max and the Magnet

1. B. Max's house key
2. C. A horseshoe magnet
3. A. The key jumps up and sticks to it
4. C. The same ends push away
5. B. So the key will not fall out again
6. A. Move away