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The Rainbow Race

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The rain stops. Grandpa sits on a bench.

Jo and Max look up. A rainbow!

It is big and bright. It has red, green, blue and more.

"I will get to the end first!" said Max.

"No, I will!" said Jo. They run up the hill.

They run past the pond. The rainbow is still far away.

They run in the mud. Splat! They are wet and tired.

Grandpa calls them back. "Look at your shadows!"

"The sun is at your back," said Grandpa.

"A rainbow needs sun and rain drops. The sun is behind you."

"The rain drops must be in front of you."

Jo and Max sit with Grandpa. They look at the rainbow.

Questions

1. What do Jo and Max want?

A. To go home
B. To find the end of the rainbow
C. To play in the mud

2. Where do they run?

A. To the sea
B. To school
C. Up a hill and past a pond

3. Who tells them about rainbows?

A. Grandpa
B. Mom
C. Jo

4. What do you need to see a rainbow?

A. Night and stars
B. Wind and snow
C. Sun and rain drops

5. Where must the sun be to see a rainbow?

A. In front of you
B. Behind you
C. Under you

6. What does "bright" mean?

A. Full of light
B. Very small
C. Wet

Words to know

rainbow: bands of color
shadow: a dark shape
tired: ready to rest
mud: wet dirt
bench: a seat for two
bright: full of light

Answer key: The Rainbow Race

1. B. To find the end of the rainbow
2. C. Up a hill and past a pond
3. A. Grandpa
4. C. Sun and rain drops
5. B. Behind you
6. A. Full of light