

# Lost in the Neighborhood

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It was a hot, sunny day. KJ wanted to go to the store to get ice cream. He was too young to go by himself, though. Mommy was sleeping. His big sister Kadija said she would take him there. She was in first grade, a year older than he was. She was sure she knew the way. The two kids walked out the front door.

"Hold my hand," Kadija said. So KJ held her hand. He felt safer that way.

They walked past Mrs. Glover's place. She lived across the street. Her **laundry** was hanging on the clothesline. Mrs. Glover was out in front.

Mrs. Glover waved. The kids kept walking.

Soon they came to the **corner**. Kadija told KJ, "We turn here. This is the way to school."

KJ nodded. They kept walking.

"Now we turn again," Kadija said. "We have to stay away from Leon's guard dog."

KJ did not see or hear the dog. But he nodded anyway. The kids turned another **corner**.

Soon, Kadija stopped. She looked around. After a minute, she said, "I think we are lost."

KJ started to cry. But then they both saw something red moving between the buildings. It was Mrs. Glover's dress! It was flapping in the wind.

"We just went around the **block**!" Kadija said. "I know how to get home. Let's go back. Next time, we will wait for a grown up."

They walked back home. Mrs. Glover was standing at her window. This time, the kids stopped and waved.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where does KJ want to go?

- A. to the store
- B. to school
- C. to the park

2. Kadija and KJ walk past Mrs. Glover's house. Then, they turn two corners. Then, Kadija stops. What happens after that?

- A. Kadija says she knows where they are.
- B. Kadija says they are lost.
- C. Kadija asks Leon for help.

### 3. Read the following sentences from the text.

"After a minute, she said, 'I think we are lost.'

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'We just went around the block!' Kadija said. 'I know how to get home.'"

What do you know based on this information?

A. KJ and Kadija know they are close to home because they see Mrs. Glover's dress.

B. KJ and Kadija know they are really far from home when they see Mrs. Glover.

C. KJ and Kadija don't know who Mrs. Glover is but she says she will help them.

### 4. What is this story mostly about?

A. KJ wants to go to the store to get ice cream.

B. Mrs. Glover is one of KJ and Kadija's neighbors.

C. KJ and his sister Kadija get lost while trying to walk to the store.

5. Where do KJ and Kadija end up walking when they're trying to walk to the store?

They walk around \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. What did you learn from "Lost in the Neighborhood?"

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7. Class Discussion Question: Why does Kadija think that she and KJ should ask a grown up for help the next time they want to go somewhere?

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8. Draw a picture of KJ and Kadija when they see Mrs. Glover's dress for the second time.