



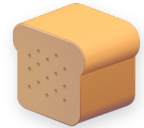
Read the fable carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.

Think about what the character learned and what lesson the fable is teaching. Use details from the story to support your answers.

The Baker and the Fairy



Elara was a young baker with a heart as warm as her oven. Every morning, before the sun peeked over the enchanted forest, she would knead dough for fresh loaves and sweet pastries in her cozy village bakery. The smell of cinnamon and warm bread often drifted through the sleepy streets.



Elara always made sure to bake one extra loaf of bread, a special one she called the "Kindness Crumb." She would place it on her windowsill, knowing that someone hungry or in need might pass by and take it. "A little kindness goes a long way," she often whispered to herself. One chilly morning, a tiny, shimmering fairy, hidden among the ivy, watched Elara. The fairy, named Lyra, felt weak; her magic was fading because of a forgotten curse.

Lyra had been searching for genuine goodness, hoping it might break the spell. She saw an old traveler hesitantly take Elara's Kindness Crumb, a grateful tear in his eye. Elara smiled softly from inside, not seeking thanks. This simple act of giving, done purely from the heart, sent a tiny spark of warmth through Lyra.



With each passing day, Elara continued her kind tradition. Each time, Lyra felt a little stronger, her shimmer growing brighter. Finally, the curse broke!

Lyra felt her full magic return, buzzing with energy. She flew into the bakery when Elara was away, touching every oven and mixing bowl with her renewed magic.



From that day on, Elara's bakery became the most successful in the land. Her bread was always the softest, her pastries the sweetest, and her customers always left with happy smiles. Elara never knew about Lyra, but she felt the goodness. Her simple acts of kindness had brought her unexpected blessings. It showed that true generosity always finds its own magical reward.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character of the story, and where does she work?

(2) What special tradition did Elara have each morning, and why did she do it?

(3) Why was the fairy, Lyra, watching Elara, and what was Lyra's own challenge?

(4) Was Elara's choice to bake the "Kindness Crumb" a good one? Use a detail from the story to explain your answer.



(5) What lesson does the story of Elara and Lyra teach? How can you apply this lesson in your own life?

