



Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence. Think about what the weather did and what changed because of it. Trace the chain step by step.

The Wind's Surprise Fort



A strong wind howled through Grandma Rose's garden. She loved her tall, bright sunflowers, hoping they'd win the neighborhood prize.

Leo was helping her water when a sudden, powerful gust snapped several of the biggest sunflowers. Their beautiful heads fell. Grandma Rose sighed, her shoulders slumping.

"Oh dear," she murmured, "My lovely giants are gone."

Leo saw his grandma's sad face. He looked at the sturdy, snapped stems. "Grandma," he said, "these stems are strong! We could build a fort!" Grandma Rose looked at the broken plants, then at Leo's hopeful eyes. "A secret garden fort!" Leo declared. Together, they gathered the long stalks and leaned them against the old oak tree, weaving smaller branches through them.

Soon, a wonderful, leafy fort stood tall. It was cozy inside. Grandma Rose brought out cushions. As they sat, a tiny robin landed on a nearby branch. "Look, Grandma!" Leo whispered. Grandma Rose smiled. "Why, it's the perfect spot for birdwatching! I haven't done that in ages." The strong wind had taken her sunflowers, but it had also given them a new, special place to enjoy the garden's hidden wonders.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which of these BEST explains why Grandma Rose's sunflowers broke? Circle the correct answer.

- A The sunflowers were too old and weak to stand up.



- B A sudden, powerful gust of wind snapped their stems.
- C Leo accidentally knocked them over while watering.
- D Grandma Rose decided she didn't want them anymore.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because the sunflowers broke, _____.

(3) What did Leo and Grandma Rose do with the broken sunflower stems?

(4) Describe how the strong wind led to the sunflowers breaking and then to a new birdwatching spot.

(5) What might have happened if the strong wind had NOT occurred? Explain.



