



# Unexpected Kindness

Grade 4

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Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence.  
Follow the ripple! One act of kindness causes another, and then another. Trace each step of the chain.

## The Lost Wallet's Journey



"Leo, wait!" called a voice from behind him. Leo turned to see Mrs. Chen, a kind smile on her face, hurrying towards him in the bustling town square. "You found my wallet! I didn't even realize it was gone until I reached for my shopping list." Leo had spotted the small leather wallet near the fountain moments before and had quickly looked inside to find an ID, then searched for its owner. He handed it back, feeling a warm glow.

Mrs. Chen sighed with relief, clutching her wallet tightly. "Thank you, Leo. You saved my day!" Feeling incredibly grateful, she remembered the abundance of fresh tomatoes and cucumbers in her garden. She decided to gather a large basket and take them to Mr. Henderson, the greengrocer at the market, who had been struggling with his small stall lately. She knew he would appreciate the free, fresh produce.

Mr. Henderson was genuinely surprised when Mrs. Chen presented him with the overflowing basket. "These are beautiful, Mrs. Chen! Thank you so much!" With the extra, high-quality vegetables, he attracted more customers that afternoon and made a little more money than usual. He remembered seeing the old, broken broom at the community center that morning and decided to use some of his unexpected earnings to buy them a new, sturdy one.

The next day, the community center volunteers were delighted to find a brand new broom leaning against their door. They immediately put it to good use, sweeping and tidying the town square in preparation for the upcoming spring festival. A few days later, Leo walked



through the sparkling clean square, admiring the fresh flowers and neat pathways, completely unaware that his simple act of kindness had started this wonderful chain of events.

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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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**(1) Which of these BEST explains why Mrs. Chen gave vegetables to Mr. Henderson? Circle the correct answer.**

- A** She was trying to make Leo happy.
- B** Mr. Henderson had asked her for free vegetables.
- C** She felt grateful to Leo for returning her wallet.
- D** She had too many vegetables and didn't want them to go bad.

**(2) What caused Mr. Henderson to sell more vegetables at his stall?**

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**(3) What did Mr. Henderson do with some of his extra earnings?**

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**(4) Describe how Leo returning the wallet led to Mr. Henderson getting a new broom and then to the town square being cleaned.**

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**(5) What might have happened if Leo had NOT returned Mrs. Chen's wallet? Explain.**

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