



# Unexpected Kindness

Grade 5

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

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 Ripple



Leo was walking home from school when he spotted a small, worn leather wallet lying on the sidewalk. He picked it up carefully and saw an ID card inside for Mrs. Chen, who lived a few streets away. Knowing how important a wallet was, Leo immediately walked to Mrs. Chen's house and returned it to her, refusing any reward.

Mrs. Chen was overjoyed. She had been worried sick, as the wallet contained her bus pass and a cherished photo. Feeling incredibly grateful for Leo's honesty, the next day she volunteered to help Mr. Henderson, her elderly neighbour, with his overgrown garden. Mr. Henderson had been struggling to manage it alone since his knee surgery.

Mr. Henderson was so touched by Mrs. Chen's unexpected help that he decided to donate several bags of his prize-winning organic compost to the local community garden. The garden coordinator, Ms. Diaz, was thrilled. The compost was exactly what they needed to prepare the new plot for the children's gardening program.

With the rich compost, the children's garden thrived, producing an abundance of colourful flowers and fresh vegetables. Ms. Diaz decided to host a "Harvest Festival" to celebrate, inviting the whole neighbourhood. The festival brought many families together, strengthening community bonds and inspiring new volunteers for the garden.

Leo walked past the lively Harvest Festival a few weeks later, enjoying the music and the vibrant displays of produce. He smiled, seeing Mrs. Chen chatting happily with Mr.



Henderson near the thriving children's garden, completely unaware that his simple act of returning a lost wallet had blossomed into such a wonderful community event.

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**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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**(1) Which of these BEST explains why Mrs. Chen helped Mr. Henderson with his garden? Circle the correct answer.**

- (A) She wanted to earn money for gardening work.
- (B) Mr. Henderson asked her directly for help.
- (C) She was grateful for Leo's honesty.      (D) She had nothing else to do that day.

**(2) Complete the sentence: Because \_\_\_\_\_, the children's garden thrived and produced many flowers and vegetables.**

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**(3) What was one effect of the children's garden thriving?**

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**(4) Describe how Leo returning the wallet led to Mrs. Chen helping Mr. Henderson, and then to the community garden thriving.**

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

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