

PRE-READING: PARADE

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Everyone Loves a Parade!

Jamal could hardly wait. His dad said they were going to spend the day together doing something special, but he had not said what they would do. In the car, Jamal was so curious that he had to ask, “What are we going to do?”

“Well,” his dad said, “I’ll give you hints. We are going to see clowns.”

“Are we going to the circus?” Jamal asked.

“No,” said his dad. “We will also see floats in the street.”

“Now I know!” Jamal said. “We’re going to a parade.”

Soon, they got out of the car. Jamal and his dad walked hand in hand through the crowd. The first band marched toward them. Jamal could hear the drums. He could feel the beating in his chest. After that, clowns ran down the street. Some threw beads. Some threw candy. Jamal got to shake hands with one of the clowns.

Behind the clowns was the first float. It had a lot of bright colors. People on the float waved. Jamal waved back. Then, he looked up at his dad. “Thanks, Dad! This is the best parade ever!”

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1. Why might you read a story about a parade?
 - a. to enjoy the story
 - b. to learn about floats
 - c. to get ready for a test
 - d. to learn how to be a clown

2. Read the end of the story. What do you think happened next?
 - a. The parade stopped.
 - b. People played football.
 - c. The first float passed by.
 - d. Elephants marched past.

3. The title of the story is “Everyone Loves a Parade!” What does this title make you think about?
