

INFERENCES AND CONCLUSIONS

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Tessa and the Treasure

Tessa poked her head into her grandmother's attic. She gasped. She couldn't believe all of the stuff piled up. She and her family were helping her grandmother clean her house.

She was glad she had volunteered to be the one to clean the attic. "Who knows what I might find up here?" she said to herself. "I might find a hidden treasure!" She opened the first box.

"Certainly no treasure here," she thought. The box was full of gray socks and old rags. Another box was full of old telephone bills. No one would want to keep this stuff. So, these boxes could go to the curb. She pushed them into a pile near the stairs.

She found several boxes of old clothing that they could give to the homeless shelter. So she pushed these boxes into a second pile. Still no treasure pile. Tessa began to worry.

It was after lunch that Tessa made her discovery. She shoved a box

into the curb pile without looking into it, but then she peered inside. "Oh my goodness!" she said. "These are magazines Grandma must have saved from her childhood!" Each magazine was carefully sealed in a plastic bag. The magazines were more than 60 years old, but they looked brand new. She called her parents. Together they also found old record albums that were still in their original wrappings.

"These are probably very valuable because they are so well cared for," said Tessa's father. "Your grandmother knew these things were important enough to keep, so I think we should do the same. I'll put them in the attic."

"Maybe someday I can give them to my grandchildren," said Tessa. "They will even be more valuable then."

"That's a good idea, Tessa," said her Mother. "Maybe that's why Grandma put them in the attic in the first place!"

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1. Grandma put the magazines and albums in the attic years ago so that she could
 - a. look at them again when she was 60 years old
 - b. listen to the records whenever she wanted
 - c. sell them and make a lot of money
 - d. save them for her grandchildren
2. Tessa was most likely worried that
 - a. she would take a long time to clean the attic
 - b. she wouldn't find any hidden treasures in the attic
 - c. her grandmother needed to keep the telephone bills
 - d. all the boxes would contain socks and rags
3. Why did Grandma seal each magazine in a plastic bag?

4. What details can support your answer to question 3?
