

Comprehension-Based Story Cloze

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions:

Read the story carefully. Use context clues to fill in each blank with a word that makes sense. Think about what would fit best based on the meaning of the story.

The Mysterious Package

Maia rushed home from school, her heart pounding with _____. On the front porch sat a large cardboard box with her name written across the top in her grandmother's familiar handwriting. She hadn't been _____ anything, which made the surprise even more thrilling.

Carefully, she carried the box inside and placed it on the kitchen _____. Her younger brother, Tom, appeared immediately, his eyes wide with curiosity. "What's in it?" he asked, _____ closer to inspect the mysterious package.

"I don't know yet," Maia replied, searching for scissors to cut through the _____ tape. As she opened the flaps, a sweet smell drifted up—like vanilla and old paper. Inside, wrapped in tissue paper, was a beautiful wooden box decorated with carved _____ and vines.

Maia lifted it out gently. The box was heavier than it _____. A small note was attached: "Dear Maia, this belonged to your great-grandmother. She wanted you to have it when you turned eleven. Inside you'll find her most treasured _____. Love, Nana."

With trembling hands, Maia opened the latch. Inside lay a collection of old photographs, a delicate silver _____, and a leather journal filled with handwritten stories. Tom _____ silently beside her as she carefully examined each item.

"This is amazing," Maia whispered, her voice full of _____. She opened the journal to the first page and began to read. The words transported her to another time, when her great-grandmother was young and _____ of dreams. Maia knew this gift was more than just objects—it was a connection to her family's _____ and a reminder that stories live on through generations.

 **Reflection Question:**

Why do you think this package was so special to Maia? Explain in one or two sentences.
