



Susie's Night Carol Singing.

Susie was very excited. It was the first time she had been allowed to go out carol singing with her family and friends. Dad had said that now she was nine she was old enough. It was a cold, snowy Monday evening in the week before Christmas. Mum had told Susie and her sisters to make sure they were all well wrapped-up. She found her thick gloves, her stripy scarf and her new wellies but wherever she looked; in her bedroom, under the stairs, on the back of the door, she couldn't find her ear-muffs. Auntie Helen had given them to her for her birthday two months ago. She was sad and upset, they were her favourite.

"Hurry up Susie, Lucy and Sophie, your friends are all here!" shouted Dad. Susie had to give up looking for the ear-muffs. Her two older sisters were waiting for her by the front door; all wrapped up in woolly, scarves, thick gloves and big hats. It was very cold outside. Standing at the front door was the group of seven of the girls' friends.

They all set off with Dad to visit the neighbours in the nearby streets. Susie had a great time, she sang her little heart out. "We Wish You a Merry Christmas.", "Silent Night" and, her favourite, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer".

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At all the houses they sang outside, people gave them money and even tangerines. They were going to share the money they collected between two charities, one which helped local homeless people and another charity that helped sick children in Africa. Mr and Mrs Barton at number 47, Church Road even gave them four tangerines. But Susie's poor little ears were so cold in the snowy night.

After an hour and a half they were all home. They had collected £61.00! But Susie was very glad to be home back in the warm. Her little ears were cold and sore. All their friends left and Susie and her sisters stood in the hall busily and excitedly telling Mum all about their evening carol singing. As they chattered away they started to take their outdoor clothes and boots off. They would go out again the next night with Mum.

Imagine Susie's surprise when there, under her sister Lucy's big woolly hat were her missing ear-muffs! She was a little annoyed that her sister had borrowed them without asking, but pleased she would have warm ears tomorrow night!



Can you answer these questions about Susie's night carol singing?

1. How old is Susie?

2. Who told Susie to make sure she was well wrapped-up?

3. Can you work out the year Susie was born?

4. What couldn't Susie find?

5. Where did Susie look?

6. How many girls went out altogether?

7. Which song was Susie's favourite?

8. Where do Mr and Mrs Barton live?

9. How much did the homeless charity receive?

10. What two emotions did Susie feel when she discovered where her ear-muffs were?

Answer sheet

1. How old is Susie?

Nine years old

2. Who told Susie to make sure she was well wrapped-up?

Mum

3. Can you work out the month and year Susie was born?

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4. What couldn't Susie find?

Ear-muffs

5. Where did Susie look?

Bedroom, under the stairs, back of the door

6. How many girls went out altogether?

Ten

7. Which song was Susie's favourite?

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

8. Where do Mr and Mrs Barton live?

Number 47, Church Road

9. How much did the homeless charity receive?

£30.50

10. What two emotions did Susie feel when she discovered where her ear-muffs were?

Annoyed and pleased