

Counting Money

What will the boys do with the money they earned?

¹ It was a hot, muggy day. Mark and Timo were glad they weren't lugging cans today. Yesterday, it had taken hours to get all of the cans they had collected to the recycling center. Mr. Timmons said his truck hadn't worked so hard in a long time. He was laughing when he said it, though.

² Today, all the boys had to do was count their money and figure out what to do with it. They talked about bikes and basketballs. They dreamed about rockets and hot air balloons.

³ As they walked, Mark bent over and picked up a can without even thinking about it. When he saw the can in his hand, he laughed.

⁴ "Old habits die hard," Timo said. "Maybe we better buy some more trash bags!"



1. What did the boys do yesterday?

2. Today, the boys are _____.

3. How did Mr. Timmons feel about helping the boys?

4. What part of the story helped you answer question 3?

5. After Mark picked up the can, he laughed because

6. What does "old habits die hard" mean? Do you think it is true?

7. In paragraph 1, it says the boys were glad they weren't lugging cans today. What does **lugging** mean?

8. Write **first**, **next**, and **last** next to the events below to show in what order they happened.

_____ Mark picked up one more can.

_____ Timo said they should buy some more trash bags.

_____ Mr. Timmons laughed about how hard his truck was working.