

Too Much Chocolate

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"They should have never left me alone with you," said Keira. "That was a bad mistake."

Keira was speaking to a bag of chocolate. It was under her brother's bed. It was a green bag, and it was almost full. Tyler had not eaten much of his Halloween candy. Now he would never get the chance.

Halloween was three days ago. Keira had dressed as a bumblebee. Her brother had gone as a clown. They walked up and down their street and the two next to it. Every house they went to gave them candy. Some gave them lollipops. Some gave them caramel. But Keira's favorite was the houses that gave them chocolate.

Keira loved chocolate. She liked milk chocolate and dark chocolate. She liked white chocolate and coffee-flavored chocolate. She liked chocolate drops, chocolate bars, chocolate oranges and chocolate eggs. She liked chocolate so much that, by the day after Halloween, she had no chocolate

left.

Tyler ate more slowly. He saved his candy. He ate just one or two pieces at a time. Last year, he made his Halloween candy last all the way to Thanksgiving. That made Keira mad. It was not fair that he could have candy for weeks and weeks, and she had none. That wouldn't happen this year.

Tyler had a friend over. Keira had been watching them. When they went to the backyard to play, she sneaked up the stairs. She opened Tyler's door. She crept over to his bed. And now she was going to eat his chocolate.

"You're all mine," she said, and laughed a sneaky laugh.

She unwrapped the first piece. It was a chocolate-covered cherry. She ate it.

"Mmmm," she said. "Mmmmmm."

The next piece was a chocolate egg with marshmallow goo inside. She bit into it, and some of the marshmallow got onto her chin. She ate the rest of it.

"Marshmallow goo is the best," she said.

Next she ate a chocolate shaped like a flower. Then she ate a chocolate shaped like a bunny rabbit. She ate chocolates with raisins inside, and chocolates with pink fluff, and some chocolates that had nothing inside them at all. Finally, she was going to eat all the chocolate she wanted.

After a few minutes of eating, she heard footsteps on the stairs. She tried to get away, but her stomach was too full. Tyler came into the room. He looked mad.

"Hey!" he said. "What are you doing with my candy?!"

Keira tried to speak but she was too full. She stood up, and fell back down again.

"Oooooof," she groaned. Her face was covered with chocolate. Her hands were sticky. She even had chocolate in her hair. "I don't feel so good," she said. "I think I ate too much chocolate."

Tyler started laughing. He laughed until he fell down too.

"Well!" he said. "I think you learned your lesson!"

Keira's stomach felt like it was going to burst. She felt terrible. She would never steal Tyler's candy again.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What kind of candy does Keira love?

- A. chocolate
- B. caramel
- C. lollipops

2. When in the story does Tyler come back to his room?

- A. the beginning of the story
- B. the middle of the story
- C. the end of the story

3. Read this sentence about Keira: "She liked chocolate so much that, by the day after Halloween, she had no chocolate left."

What can be concluded from this information?

- A. Keira got caramel on Halloween. She ate it slowly.
- B. Keira got chocolate on Halloween. She ate all of it by the next day.
- C. Keira did not get any chocolate on Halloween. She ate her brother's chocolate the next day.

4. Why might Tyler eat his candy slowly?

- A. Tyler likes making his candy last a long time.
- B. Tyler likes eating a lot of candy at once.
- C. Tyler does not like chocolate, caramel, or lollipops.

5. What is a main idea of the story?

- A. A boy does something good and gets a reward.
- B. A girl does something bad and learns a lesson.
- C. Two children are mean to each other and get hurt.

6. Read these sentences: "Keira's stomach felt like it was going to burst. She felt **terrible**. She would never steal Tyler's candy again."

What does the word "**terrible**" mean?

- A. very sleepy
- B. very good
- C. very bad

7. Choose the answer that best completes the sentence below.

Keira eats her brother's chocolate _____ she eats her own.

- A. before
- B. after
- C. last

8. What is the name of Keira's brother?

9. How does Keira feel at the end of the story?

10. Read the last sentence of the story: "She would never steal Tyler's candy again." Is it true that Keira will never steal Tyler's candy again? Explain why or why not, using evidence from the story.
