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WORKSHEET -THE GIRL WHO TROD ON THE LOAF

SCENE I

TIME: the day before Christmas.

PLACE: Inge's Mother's home.

INGE.

HER MOTHER.

The MOTHER stands at the kitchen window, watching for Inge.

MOTHER. Ah, here she comes at last!

(Short pause. Enter INGE.)

I have waited long for you, my child. Where have you been?

(Inge is silent.)

Have you been to the Elf Hill? Tell me.

INGE *(hesitating)*. Just for a little while, mother.

MOTHER. Inge! Inge! What have I ever told you?

INGE. I thought I'd go just this once.

MOTHER *(showing sorrow)*. Ah, Inge, that's what you always say.

INGE. There's no harm talking with the elves.

MOTHER. And I, your mother, say there is harm.

INGE. But, mother,—they talk so prettily.

MOTHER *(nodding)*. Aye! and that's the harm. They've put such silly ideas into your head.

INGE. They say 't is friendship makes them talk as they do.

MOTHER *(indignantly)*. Friendship! 'T is friendship, is it, to tell you not to fetch the wood?

INGE. They say 't will spoil my hands.

MOTHER. Out upon them and their pretty talk! You shall go there no more. Do you hear me, Inge?

INGE *(pouting)*. I hear.

MOTHER. Now take this loaf of bread to your sick aunt. Say to her 't is her Christmas gift.

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INGE. But, mother, I must cross the muddy road to go there.

MOTHER. Well, you are neither sugar nor salt.

INGE. I'll spoil my shoes!

MOTHER. You think of your shoes, and your aunt lies ill?

INGE. Wait till spring and the mud will be gone.

MOTHER. Wait till spring and your aunt will be gone! Here is the loaf—now off with you!

Inge takes the loaf and goes, but not willingly.

Questions

1. What is the mood of the first scene of the story?
a. confusion b. happiness c. sadness d. excitement e. annoyance
2. What do Inge and Mother have in common?
a. They both care for Inge's aunt.
b. They both believe Elves talk prettily.
c. They both trust the Elves.
d. They are friends to the Elves.
3. What time is it in this first scene of the play?
a. Some day in December
b. A day in Spring
c. Christmas Eve
d. Christmas day
4. What sort of child is Inge?
a. courageous b. disobedient c. obedient d. adventurous
5. Why doesn't Mother agree to Inge's friendship with the Elves?
a. They are encouraging her to do strange things.
b. They are not good to talk to.
c. They are keeping her away from her chores.
d. They are putting strange ideas in her head.

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6. Why was Inge reluctant to go to her aunt's?
 - a. The road was muddy.
 - b. She did not like her aunt.
 - c. She would not get to see the Elves.
 - d. She was tired.

7. Why was Mother waiting at the door for Inge?
 - a. Mother wanted to send her on an errand to deliver a gift.
 - b. Mother wanted to find out where she was.
 - c. Mother was tired and need her help.
 - d. Mother was worried something happened to Inge.

8. Why did mother wanted to send a loaf of bread to her sister?
 - a. It was the Mother's birthday
 - b. She was sick.
 - c. It was a Christmas gift
 - d. It was the aunt's birthday

9. What did mother mean when she said "*you are neither sugar nor salt*"?
 - a. Inge was indifferent.
 - b. She showed no excitement or eagerness.
 - c. Inge was a considerate girl.
 - d. Inge was a good friend to many.
 - e. Inge was thoughtful.

10. What was most important to Inge?
 - a. friendship with the elves
 - b. talking with her mother
 - c. taking care of her shoes
 - d. delivering gifts

11. What action displayed by Inge that tells us she is annoyed?
 - a. She pouted her lips.
 - b. She mingled with the people.
 - c. She hesitated.

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Answer

1. What is the mood of the first scene of the story? *annoyance*
2. What do Inge and Mother have in common? *They both believe Elves talk prettily.*
3. What time is it in this first scene of the play? *Christmas Eve*
4. What sort of child is Inge? *disobedient*
5. Why doesn't Mother agree to Inge's friendship with the Elves? *They are putting strange ideas in her head.*
6. Why was Inge reluctant to go to her aunt's? *The road was muddy.*
7. Why was Mother waiting at the door for Inge? *Mother wanted to send her on an errand to deliver a gift.*
8. Why did mother wanted to send a loaf of bread to her sister? *It was a Christmas gift*
9. What did mother mean when she said "***you are neither sugar nor salt***"? *Inge was indifferent.*
10. What was most important to Inge? *friendship with the elves*
11. What action displayed by Inge that tells us she is annoyed? *She pouted her lips.*