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## The Magic Money Umbrella

It was raining outside as Tony looked out the school window. The drops of rain tapped rhythmically against the glass, and Tony realized with a sinking feeling that he didn't have an umbrella. His mom had reminded him to take one, but he had forgotten. Desperate to stay dry, he innocently took an old umbrella from the teacher's cupboard at the back of the classroom.



When the final bell rang, Tony opened the umbrella and started walking home. But as he walked, he still got wet. The umbrella didn't seem to work at all. "What is going on?" thought Tony as he got soaked. Frustrated and shivering, he finally made it home and threw the useless umbrella in the corner of his room.

As Tony changed into dry clothes, he noticed something strange. The umbrella had an unusual glow that drew him to it. Curious, he approached the umbrella, and to his amazement, it began to hover above the ground.

Tony's eyes widened in surprise. "A magic umbrella!" he whispered. He reached out and grabbed the handle, giving it a whirl. To his shock, money started coming out of the end of it. First a few coins, then bills—more and more money poured out as he waved the umbrella around.

Tony couldn't believe his eyes. He continued to wave the umbrella, and the money kept flowing. He quickly realized he had to be careful and stopped waving it before his room was completely covered in cash. He gathered up the money and hid it in a drawer, feeling a mix of excitement and nervousness.

The next day at school, Tony tried to act normal, but his mind kept drifting back to the magic umbrella. When he arrived at school, Mrs. Harper, his teacher, saw him and gave him a knowing wink. Tony's heart skipped a beat. Did she know about the umbrella?

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2. What happened when Tony used the umbrella while walking home?



3. What did Tony discover about the umbrella when he got home?

4. Why did Tony feel a mix of excitement and nervousness after discovering the umbrella's magic?

5. What might Mrs. Harper's knowing wink suggest about her knowledge of the umbrella?

6. If you found a magical money umbrella, what would you do? Would you give it back to your teacher?

## Answers

- 1. Where did Tony find the umbrella he used to walk home?** Tony found the umbrella in the teacher's cupboard at the back of the classroom.
- 2. What happened when Tony used the umbrella while walking home?** Tony still got wet because the umbrella didn't seem to work at all.
- 3. What did Tony discover about the umbrella when he got home?** Tony discovered that the umbrella had an unusual glow and began to hover above the ground.
- 4. Why did Tony feel a mix of excitement and nervousness after discovering the umbrella's magic?** Tony felt a mix of excitement and nervousness because he was amazed by the umbrella's ability to produce money but also understood the potential consequences and responsibility of having such a powerful item.
- 5. What might Mrs. Harper's knowing wink suggest about her knowledge of the umbrella?** Mrs. Harper's knowing wink suggests that she might know about the magic umbrella and its abilities, possibly implying that she was aware Tony had taken it and was okay with it because she trusted him.
- 6. If you found a magical money umbrella, what would you do? Would you give it back to your teacher?** Answers may vary.