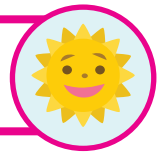




Reading for Comprehension: More Cause and Effect



Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

School ended last week and tomorrow we're buying our season tickets to the local amusement park! I told my brother that I was going to go every day this summer. I wanted to beat my record from last summer when I went every weekday. Every time I entered the park, I took a picture with a different costumed character. My camera was a little clunky, but entirely reliable. It worked every time!

I kept the portraits in my online summer journal. I couldn't keep my mind from racing about all the new memories I was going to make with a trusted companion. All I needed to do was find my digital camera that my grandfather bought for me two years ago. When I found it, I couldn't believe my eyes.

The lens looked crusted over in dust and the camera case looked like it had water damage! The buttons couldn't be pushed down and nothing would turn on. The memory card compartment felt like it had been sealed by dried saltwater, and I couldn't even open it! I suspected that one of my brothers must have used my camera, damaged it, put it back and thought I might not have noticed. How could I not?! But I thought about something my grandfather used to say: "There's no need crying over spilled milk." Maybe it was time I ditched the idea of taking a camera with me. Nowadays my phone takes better pictures than that old camera ever did and it's more compact!

1. What was the trusted companion the narrator spoke of?

2. What new memories did the main character have in mind?

3. What made the 'companion' so reliable?

4. Who did the main character suspect was involved in the mishap?

5. What do you think happened to the camera?
