

## Title: The Christmas Musical

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

solo	mature	babysitting	panic	rehearse
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1. Do you think a 17-year-old can be \_\_\_\_\_ enough to live alone?
2. In a fire, it is very important to stay calm and not \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your speech a few times in front of a mirror.
4. There is a great guitar \_\_\_\_\_ in this song.
5. He earns a little money by \_\_\_\_\_ the kids next door.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Cindy's friends were as excited about the musical as she was. T / F
2. Mrs. Burgundy told Cindy she needed to practice more. T / F
3. Cindy kept her role a secret because she wanted to surprise her friends. T / F
4. Cindy lied about having to babysit on the weekend. T / F
5. Cindy's performance in the musical was excellent. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Cindy thought it would be (difficult / easy) to get the lead role.
2. Laura and Beth said they were too (busy / mature) to attend the musical.
3. Cindy felt (pleased / sad) about keeping a secret from her friends.
4. Cindy spent most of her free time (worrying about / practicing for) the musical.
5. At the end, Laura and Beth were (proud of / angry at) Cindy.

**C. Choose the best answer.**

1. Why hadn't Cindy auditioned for a lead role before?

- a. Because she wasn't a senior
- b. Because she was too nervous
- c. Because her singing wasn't very good
- d. Because her friends told her not to

2. Which is NOT true about the Christmas musical?

- a. It was held every year.
- b. All the students usually attended it.
- c. It was directed by Mrs. Burgundy.
- d. Its songs were kept secret.

3. How often did the cast rehearse together?

- a. Every day
- b. Twice a day
- c. Once a week
- d. Three times a week

4. Why did Cindy take her toys out of the attic?

- a. Because she was bored
- b. Because she felt lonely
- c. To remember her happy childhood
- d. To imagine they were the audience

5. Which is true about Laura and Beth?

- a. They went to the musical to support Cindy.
- b. They did not invite Cindy to Beth's birthday party.
- c. They knew why Cindy was avoiding them.
- d. They wanted to be in the musical themselves.

## Summary

**Fill in the blanks with the words.**

cast	courage	butterflies	auditorium	flyer
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Cindy was glad when she saw the \_\_\_\_\_ about the Christmas musical. She'd wanted to try out for the lead role for years. But her friends Laura and Beth said they were getting too old for such things. As a result, Cindy didn't tell them her plans. The day of the audition, Cindy still didn't have the \_\_\_\_\_ to tell them. At the audition in the huge \_\_\_\_\_, all her practice paid off: she got the lead role! That weekend, Cindy wanted to practice, so she lied to her friends. For weeks, she rehearsed with the rest of the \_\_\_\_\_ and by herself. When she turned down an invitation to Beth's birthday party, her friends were angry. Cindy felt bad, but she had to prepare. The day of the musical, she had \_\_\_\_\_ in her stomach. She felt even worse when she saw her friends in the audience! Cindy's parents had told them. Cindy performed wonderfully. After the musical, they congratulated her, and the three girls were best friends again.