Story Elements  
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**Instructions: Read each question carefully and select the correct answer.**

Jade cautiously walked through the entrance to the fairgrounds holding his perfect prized purple plant. Her name was Tapi. Jade had been with Tapi every second of her life. Orchids needed a lot of attention, so he had taken every extra measure to care for her. When it was raining outside, he would sit beside his bedroom windowsill and sing their favorite nursery rhyme, "Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?" Tapi always seemed to perk up afterwards. Jade watered her tenderly. Then he would sit her on his windowsill so that she could sunbathe in the sunlight.  
 Jade had always enjoyed the beauty of plants and flowers. To him, they were like precious jewels from a treasure chest. When he had heard about the gardening contest being held at the spring fair, he knew he had to enter it. He was sure his entry would win. It would be the greatest flower in the history of the contest. If he won first place, he would receive fifty dollars. Then he would finally have enough money to buy something special for Tapinga; he had spotted a charm bracelet at the mall last week. He knew she would like it.  
 Tapinga, Tapi's namesake, had been in every one of Jade's classes since the first grade. Jade thought she was the smartest girl in school. He loved the way she seemed to always have the correct answer to any question their teacher posed. Thinking of Tapinga's smile always soothed his homework blues. Jade thought she was amazing.  
 When he had decided to enter the contest, Jade immediately knew which type of flower he would use— a lavender orchid. Lavender was Tapinga's favorite color. From her pot, Tapi flourished marvelously. She had a dreamy fragrance that spread through the air. Sitting among all the other entries, Tapi was the shining North Star.  
 As Jade was filling out the contest entry form for Tapi, from behind him someone softly said, "She's gorgeous, Jade." As he spun around, Jade saw Tapinga.  
 "I'm glad you could make it," he stated.  
 "I wouldn't have missed it for the world," Tapinga replied.  
 "She seems to like it here," Jade said, referring to his beautiful blossom.  
 The two friends continued to converse as the judges went around inspecting all the contestants. Fifteen minutes later, the winners were announced. Jade was deeply saddened when Tapi did not even make it into third place. Tapinga tried to console him. Jade finally explained his remorse.  
 "I wanted Tapi to win first place. Then I could buy something nice for you, Tapinga."  
 Smilingly Tapinga replied, "Jade, you've already given me the nicest gift ever: my very own lavender orchid named especially after me."

**1.** Which sentence from the story is part of the resolution?

**A.** Jade watered her tenderly.

**B.** Orchids needed a lot of attention.

**C.** Jade finally explained his remorse.

**D.** Lavender was Tapinga's favorite color.

**2.** Which method does the author use to describe Tapinga's character?

**A.** another character's thoughts about Tapinga

**B.** Tapinga's thoughts about herself

**C.** the author's direct description of Tapinga

**D.** none of the above

**3.** When it rained, Tapi would perk up because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**A.** Jade watered her tenderly

**B.** she could sit on Jade's windowsill

**C.** she could sunbathe in the sunlight

**D.** Jade sang nursery rhymes to her

**4.** Which method does the author use to describe Jade's character?

**A.** Jade's thoughts about himself

**B.** another character's thoughts about Jade

**C.** the author's direct description of Jade's personality

**D.** none of the above