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Anansi Goes Fishing

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Cheer Up!

Hilde was sick with a bad cold. She was in a bad mood because she hated to be sick. When Hilde's mother asked if she wanted some soup, Hilde answered, "No!" Hilde was not very nice when she was sick.

Then her friend Arnold visited. Arnold had a cold too, but he was happy. He did not feel mad when he was sick.

When Hilde's mother asked Arnold if he wanted soup, he answered, "Yes, please!" Arnold was nice even though he was sick.

Hilde asked Arnold, "How can you be happy when you are sick?"

Arnold answered, "You can be happy any time if you try, because life is better when you are happy."

After that, Hilde tried to be happy even when she was sick. She also tried to be nice even when she was not sick. She learned that Arnold was right. She learned that everything was better when she tried to be happy.

Answer the questions below.

1 How are Hilde and Arnold the same?

- They always feel happy.
- They are the same age.
- They each have a cold.

2 In this story, Hilde is *most likely*

- at her home.
- at the school.
- at Arnold's house.

3 How does Arnold act differently from Hilde?

- He is mostly happy and nice.
- He is mostly mad and mean.
- He is mostly silly and playful.

4 What do both Hilde and Arnold know by the end of the story?

- When you are mean, your friends will not talk to you.
- When you are sick, some soup makes you feel better.
- When you try to be happy, everything seems better.

5 How does Hilde change in this story?

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