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"What's better, Andrea? Playing in the snow or hot cocoa?"

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- a. Nothing out of the ordinary
- b. Like a dream
- c. Disappointing to look at
- d. Not real

2. Which phrase from the text means to do in a hurry?

- a. The snow crunched beneath their feet
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- c. In the blink of an eye
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3. Which detail best supports your answer to #2?

- a. There was nothing like the joy of exploring...
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4. Which phrase from the text best explains feeling overjoyed?

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5. Read the following sentence from the text: "Haha, a day off of school would have been icing on the cake!" said Vincent. What does Vincent mean by icing on the cake?

- a. Having a day off of school would make a great day even better.
- b. Playing in the snow was fun, but having cake would have been better.
- c. Vincent and Nicole were going to have cake at school later.
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