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"Katie! Come on! I know you borrowed them. Just bring them back like you always do. No big deal," Emma replied.

"No Emma, I didn't borrow them. I'm sure they're here in your closet somewhere." As Katie responded she turned around and waved her hand over the mess in Emma's closet.

"KATIE! Stop being ridiculous. Those were expensive shoes and my father will be so mad if you don't return them!" Emma's face was beet red. Katie had never seen her like this before.

"Emma, the fact that you are acting like this not only tells me about your character, but also how you truly feel about our friendship. I'm outta here." Katie stormed out of her bedroom, down the stairs, and ran home.

"What's all the ruckus about?" Emma's younger sister Mady walked in, curious about the situation.

"Katie took my red, strappy sandals and won't give them back. I know she took them. She's jealous because I have a lot more than her," Emma snarled.

"Oh, you mean these?" Mady dove into the heap of items on the floor of Emma's closet and retrieved the exact sandals Emma was referring to.

"Oh NO!" Emma screamed. She had just made the biggest mistake of her life. She scrambled for her phone and dialed Katie. She was hoping she hadn't ruined their friendship.

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1. What line from the text BEST supports the fact that Emma and Katie were best friends?

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- b) "Emma, the fact that you are acting like this not only tells me about your character but also how you truly feel about our friendship."
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- d) "She couldn't believe that her best friend would treat her so poorly."

2. What line from the text allows you to infer that Emma's family has money?

- a. "She's jealous because I have a lot more than her."
- b. "This allowed them to double their wardrobes which their parents supported due to their expensive taste."
- c. "Those were expensive shoes, and my father will be so mad if you don't return them!"
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3. What line BEST supports the fact that Emma regretted the way she treated Katie?

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4. What lesson can you infer from the text?

- a. Anxiety can cause harm in relationships.
- b. A lack of trust can cause damage in friendships
- c. It is not always the best idea to loan items to friends
- d. Apologizing is a necessary compromise

5. What can you infer about the ending of the story?

- a. Katie and Emma were no longer friends
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