

READ THE PASSAGE As you read, think about how Kate behaves and whether you know anyone like her.**Kate's Vacation**

When Kate came back to school after the winter holiday, she told everyone in her class about the snowman she had built. "It was 15 feet tall. It was so huge that I needed a ladder to put the hat on top of its head," Kate said.

During lunch, Kate told everyone what a great snowboarder she was. "I was going faster than anyone else on the hill," Kate said. "I think I set a world record."

During recess, Kate explained to everyone how she had built an igloo from the snow. "It had five rooms," Kate said. "We almost moved into the igloo because it was twice as big as our house."

Just then, it began to snow. All the kids cheered as big white flakes drifted down from the sky. Sarah, who had listened to Kate's stories all day, smiled. She said to Kate, "Now you can make us a giant snowman and an igloo! And we can watch you set a new record on your snowboard!"

Kate's face turned bright red. She quietly went back inside and didn't say anything else about her winter vacation.

STRATEGY PRACTICE What would you have said to Kate to help her change her behavior?

SKILL PRACTICE Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. What is a message of the passage?
 Ⓐ People are always jealous of each other.
 Ⓑ There is no reason to tell stories to impress others.
 Ⓒ You should not discuss your vacation with others.
 Ⓓ It is important to be a good storyteller.
2. Why do you think Kate's face turned bright red at the end?
 Ⓐ She was embarrassed by Sarah's words.
 Ⓑ The falling snow made her cold.
 Ⓒ She was tired from talking all day.
 Ⓓ She remembered something embarrassing that she did on vacation.
3. Which of these best describes Kate?
 Ⓐ She is quiet and thoughtful.
 Ⓑ She is happy and helpful.
 Ⓒ She is honest and friendly.
 Ⓓ She is imaginative and boastful.
4. What lesson do you think Kate learned?
 Ⓐ People respect you if you tell stories.
 Ⓑ Vacations are best spent with family.
 Ⓒ Few people are trustworthy friends.
 Ⓓ It is best to talk about something you have actually done.