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THE ST PUMPKIN

Emma was very excited for Halloween.
She had picked out the biggest pumpkin at the pumpkin patch with her family.

The day before Halloween, Emma cleaned the pumpkin and drew a funny face on it with a marker.
Her dad helped her carve two big eyes, a triangle nose, and a smiling mouth.
When they put a candle inside, the pumpkin glowed brightly.

Emma carefully placed the jack-o'-lantern on the front porch so everyone could see it.
The next morning, Emma ran outside to look at her pumpkin.
"Oh no!" she cried. "My pumpkin is gone!"

Emma looked around the porch but could not find it anywhere.
She searched near the flowers, behind the mailbox, and under the big tree in the yard.
Her little brother Liam helped her search. They checked the garden and even looked beside the garage.
Just then, Emma heard a soft sound coming from the bushes.

"Meow!"

Emma and Liam walked closer and saw something orange behind the leaves. It was the pumpkin!
Their cat, Whiskers, was sleeping beside it as if he had been guarding it all night.
Emma laughed and picked up the pumpkin. There was only a tiny scratch on one side.
She carried it back to the porch and lit the candle again that evening.

When the trick-or-treaters arrived, everyone smiled at Emma's glowing jack-o'-lantern.
"It looks perfect!" said Liam.
Emma smiled. It was going to be a wonderful Halloween after all.

QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Where did Emma put the pumpkin? _____
- 2.) Name two places Emma looked for the pumpkin. _____
- 3.) What sound did Emma hear near the bushes? _____
- 4.) Who was sleeping next to the pumpkin? _____
- 5.) How did Emma feel at the end of the story? _____