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# The Dragon Who Lost His Spark

Deep in the Dragon Mountains lived a small red dragon named Pip. Unlike the big dragons who blew giant flames to melt iron, Pip's job was to light the cozy campfire for Ember Village every evening. He loved seeing his friends gather around the warm fire to tell stories.

One cold winter afternoon, Pip tried to practice his fire-blowing skills for the annual Snowflake Festival. He inhaled deeply, puffed out his chest, and blew hard. But instead of a bright orange flame, a tiny shower of colorful soap bubbles floated out of his mouth!

Pip gasped. He tried again, but only produced more shiny bubbles. Panicked, he ran to his wise friend, Maya the owl.

Maya looked down Pip's throat. "Ah, Pip," Maya said softly. "You have been practicing all day without taking a break. Your throat is tired and sore. To soothe your throat, you need warmth and rest."

Maya gave Pip a mug of warm peppermint tea with honey. Pip drank the tea and took a long nap wrapped in a cozy blanket. When he woke up that evening, he gave a tiny sneeze — and a bright, warm spark shot out of his nose! Pip smiled happily; his spark was finally restored just in time for the festival.

## QUESTIONS:

- 1.) In paragraph 4, what does the word soothe mean?
  - A) To make something dirtier or messier
  - B) To make pain or soreness feel better and calmer
  - C) To blow cold air on ice
  - D) To fly high in the sky
- 2.) What does the word restored mean in the last paragraph?
  - A) Lost forever
  - B) Broken into small pieces
  - C) Brought back to its normal condition
  - D) Hidden in a dark cave
- 3.) What was Pip's special job in Ember Village?
  - A) To build houses out of wood
  - B) To light the cozy campfire every evening
  - C) To make snowballs for the children
  - D) To bake giant berry pies
- 4.) What happened when Pip tried to blow fire for the Snowflake Festival?
  - A) He blew out giant ice cubes.
  - B) He created a huge gust of wind.
  - C) He blew out colorful soap bubbles instead of flames.
  - D) He accidentally burned Maya's nest.
- 5.) How did Maya help Pip get his spark back?
  - A) She told him to practice blowing fire ten more times.
  - B) She gave him warm peppermint tea with honey and told him to rest.
  - C) She poured cold water over his head.
  - D) She bought him a magic wand.