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L3a Long Comprehension Set 5

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Lazy Liam

Liam was lazy. In fact, he was the laziest person in the world. Even though he was 30 years old, he did not have a job and so he lived in the basement of his parent's house. He spent most of his time eating, sleeping and playing video games. Anything else was too much of an effort for him. When he spoke, he sounded like he was half asleep, and if anyone asked him a question he looked dazed.

One day, his parents decided that this situation needed to be sorted out once and for all, so they marched into the basement and shouted together, "You need to get a job!" Liam had heard this before of course, but never with such aggression. "But, but...I don't have any skills," he replied, but his mother wouldn't accept this. "Nonsense, you were very good with computer technology at school, and you always enjoyed creative subjects like drama and art. Don't you remember?"

It had been a long time since Liam had thought about his schooldays, but he suddenly he remembered his life before he became obsessed with video games. Yes, he loved computers... Yes, he loved art... He used to love them so much. "So," his mother said, "you could be a computer programmer or a graphic designer or a painter or a –" She couldn't even finish her sentence. "I want to be a graphic designer!" yelled Liam.

Suddenly, Liam was full of excitement and passion. He had not thought about becoming a designer since he was a teenager, and suddenly this dream came back. It was going to take a lot of hard work and training, but he had finally found a goal in life. It was time to get out of his parent's basement.

1. Where did Liam live and why?

2. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as “confused and unable to think”?

3. Why did Liam doubt that he would be able to get a job?

4. What does “them” in line 13 refer to?

5. Why was being a graphic designer the right job for Liam?

6. Which of the following sentences is **true**.

- a. Liam is employed at the beginning of the story.
- b. His parents were not worried about his situation.
- c. Liam has no skills and so cannot get a job.
- d. Video games made Liam forget about his passions.



7. What do you think the story teaches us?
