

| An adventure awaits

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

The paddle to Loon Island

Nora had never paddled all the way to Loon Island. It was a small, rocky island in the middle of the lake, with three tall pine trees on top.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Jo pushed the green canoe into the water. “Put on your life jacket,” she said. “Today is the day.”

Nora sat in the front and dipped her paddle into the cool water. At first the canoe turned in a slow circle. Aunt Jo laughed. “Paddle on the other side for a while,” she said. Soon the canoe glided straight across the calm lake.

Halfway there, a black and white bird popped up beside them. It had a red eye and a sharp beak. “A loon!” Nora whispered. The loon gave a long, wavy call. Then it dove under the water and was gone.

When they reached the island, Nora’s arms were tired, but she felt proud. She and Aunt Jo ate their sandwiches on a warm, flat rock. “Next time,” said Nora, “I will steer!”



① Answer the questions. _____

1. Where did Nora and Aunt Jo paddle to?
☐ A. across a river ☐ B. to Loon Island ☐ C. to a sandy beach
2. What did Aunt Jo say when the canoe turned in a circle?
☐ A. Stop paddling. ☐ B. Paddle on the other side. ☐ C. Sit in the back.
3. “The canoe glided across the lake.” Glided means
☐ A. moved smoothly ☐ B. bumped and shook ☐ C. sank slowly
4. What did the loon do after its call?

5. How did Nora feel when they reached the island? Write a clue from the story.

