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語句：

send-sent 送る

mermaid 人魚

tie(d) 結びつける

let it go 手放した

catch-caught 捕まえる

carry-carried 運ぶ

Understanding the Main Idea

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. Desiree was only five years old.
2. Desiree wanted to send a birthday card to her grandfather.
3. The balloon had a picture of *Mickey Mouse* on it.
4. Desiree tied a picture of herself to the balloon

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Desiree said, “Grandma! I want to send a birthday card to my father.” Desiree’s grandmother looked at her and sighed. Desiree’s father died nine months ago. Desiree’s grandmother said “I have an idea. Let’s write a letter to your father.” Desiree wrote, “Happy birthday, Daddy. I love you and miss you. Please write me on my birthday in January.” A few months later, Desiree got a reply on her birthday.

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send 送る

miss you あなたがいなくてさびしい

sigh(ed) ため息をつく

write-wrote 書く

die(d) 死ぬ

a reply 返事

Understanding the Main Idea

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. Desiree wanted to send a birthday card to her younger brother.
2. Desiree’s grandmother looked at her and laughed.
3. Desiree’s father died nine years ago.
4. Desiree wrote to her father, “I love you and I will meet you.”



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balloon with the birthday card 誕生日カ

ードの付いた風船

travel(ed) 飛ぶ

hunt(ing) duck

find-found 見つける

bring-brought 持って行く

wife 妻

decide(d) to~ ~することに決める

send-sent 送る

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1. The balloon with the birthday present went up into the sky.
2. The balloon went down to the ground, near the lake. The name of the lake was *Mickey Mouse* Lake.
3. Wade Mackinnon found a balloon and a birthday present.
4. Wade Mackinnon read the birthday card and decided to write a letter.

(2)

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Guess and Talk (推測して話し合ってみよう)

1. Why did Desiree send a birthday card with the balloon? Not by a mail?

(なぜディジーは郵便ではなくて、風船を使って誕生日カードを送ったのでしょうか?)

2. What will happen to the balloon?

(風船はその後どうのなるのでしょうか?)



(2)

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1. How did Desiree send a birthday card to her father?

(ディジーはどのようにしてお父さんに誕生日カードを送ったのでしょうか?)

2. Who wrote a reply to Desiree? And why?

(誰がディジーに返事を書いたのでしょうか? またそうしたのは何故でしょうか?)



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travel(ed)	飛ぶ	wife	妻
hunt(ing) duck		decide(d) to~	~することに決める
find-found	見つける	send-sent	送る

Guess and Talk (推測して話し合ってみよう)

1. Who sent the balloon with a birthday card? And Why?

(誰が誕生日カードを付けたカードを送ったのでしょうか?)

2. Why did MacKinnon's wife decide to write a letter?

(何故マキノン氏の奥さんは手紙を書くことにしたのでしょうか?)

2

1. 前の班で読んだ英文の内容を報告してみよう。

A 班	
B 班	
C 班	

2. 配られた絵を話の順番どおりになるように並べかえてみよう。

3. それぞれの絵を説明している英文を選ぼう。

1. 各場面での登場人物の気持ちを推測して、空欄に入る語句を選んでみよう。

“Grandma! My father’s birthday is coming soon. I want to send him a birthday card.” Desiree said. Desiree’s grandmother was (). Desiree’s father died nine month ago. She didn’t understand the meaning of death. She was four years old. She just felt () because she couldn’t meet her father. Desiree’s grandmother said “I have an idea. Let’s write a letter to your father.” Desiree wrote, “Happy birthday, Daddy. I love you and miss you. Please write me on my birthday in January.” Desiree’s grandmother felt (). Then Desiree, her mother, and her grand mother went to a store to buy a balloon. Desiree looked at many balloons, and said, “That one! The balloon with the mermaid. She was very (). They bought the mermaid balloon and tied birthday card to it. Then Desiree let the balloon go into the air. Desiree was (). The wind caught the balloon and carried it east. It traveled for four days, and went down to the ground, near a lake. The name of the lake was Mermaid Lake. A man named Wade MacKinnon was hunting ducks at the lake. He found a balloon and a birthday card there. He was (). He brought them back home. His wife read the birthday card, and she was (). So she decided to write a letter. She also sent a birthday present.

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afraid (怖い)

lonely (さびしい)

scared (怯えた)

amazed (びっくりした)

lucky (運が良い)

shocked (ショックを受けた)

angry (怒った)

nervous (神経過敏な)

surprised (驚いた)

excited (わくわくした)

proud (誇りに思う)

thrilled (ぞくぞくした)

happy (幸せだ)

relieved (安心した)

tired (疲れた)

hopeless (望みがない)

sad (悲しい)

upset (気が動転した)

irritated (いらいらした)

satisfied (満足した)

worried (心配した)

2. 次の英文はマキノンの奥さんがディジーに書いた手紙です。読んで話しあって、ディジーがこの手紙をもらった時の当時の気持ちを（理由を含めて）考えてみよう。

Dear Desiree,

Happy birthday from your daddy. I guess you wonder who we are. Well, my husband went hunting, and he found a mermaid balloon that you sent to your daddy. There are no stores in heaven, so your father wanted us to buy a birthday present for you. I know your daddy loves you very much and will always watch over you.

Lots of love,

The MacKinnons

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ディジーの気持ち	理由

