

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

The Coat

“I think you should put on your warm coat, Joe,” Mom said. “It is very cold, and there is so much snow on the ground. You might catch a cold and get sick.”

“I’m nice and warm. I don’t need to wear a coat,” Joe said.

“I think you do. In here, we have a big fire burning. Outside, there is a cold wind blowing. Without a coat, you’ll be very cold.”



Joe thought he knew best, so he went outside without a coat. The next day, he woke up and sneezed. Then he coughed. He did not feel well. He had a cold. He had to stay in bed.

Joe's friends were playing hockey on the frozen pond, but Joe was too sick to go. In his warm bed, Joe thought about how much fun he was missing.

Joe's mom brought him some soup to make him feel better. She wanted to cheer him up, so she asked what he wanted for Christmas.

Joe said he wanted a scarf, gloves and a warm hat so he would not catch any more colds!



Questions:

1. What was the weather like outside?

2. Why doesn't Joe think he needs a coat?

3. What happened when Joe went out without a coat?

4. Why did Joe decide he wanted for Christmas?

Answers:

1. What was the weather like outside?
It was cold outside.
2. Why doesn't Joe think he needs a coat?
Joe doesn't think he needs a coat because he feels warm inside.
3. What happened when Joe went out without a coat?
Joe caught a bad cold and cough when he went outside.
4. Why did Joe decide he wanted for Christmas?
Joe wants a scarf, gloves and a warm hat for Christmas.