

The Gumball Machine

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At the store there was a gumball machine. It had many colors of gum.
The gumballs were very big. They were fun to chew.
Each one had a good flavor. He liked them all.

Jerry got out his dimes. He put one in.
He turned the knob. The machine cranked.
A gumball rolled down. It was a red one!

Red was good. Jerry wanted more.
He put in a dime. This time a blue one came out!
Two was not enough. Jerry wanted more.

He put in a dime. This time nothing came out!
Jerry was surprised. He had lost his dime.
He had no gumball for it. Jerry wanted more.

Jerry put in another dime. This time a green one came out.
That was still not enough. He used one more dime.
Nothing came out again! Jerry was angry.

Jerry put in his last dime. He turned the knob.
This time there was a lot of noise. Three gumballs came out!
He got a yellow a purple, and *another* red gumball. He was happy.

Jerry looked at his hands. He had many gumballs.
There were many colors. He did not know which to eat first.
He decided to eat the green one first. He blew a big bubble!



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 - B. his house
 - C. at school
 - D. the library

2. What is Jerry using?
 - A. a telephone
 - B. a game
 - C. a gumball machine
 - D. a TV

3. What color gumball comes out the first time?
 - A. red
 - B. blue
 - C. yellow
 - D. green

4. How many times does nothing come out?
 - A. Never
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 - C. Twice
 - D. Three times

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