

Learning to Ski

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Lindy loved the winter and all the snow that came with it. There was just one problem. She wanted to learn to ski. Living in Colorado, there were many ski trails. Lindy was jealous of all her friends who knew how to ski and went on ski weekends during the winter. "Mom, why can't I learn how to ski?" asked Lindy. "I didn't think you ever wanted to learn how to ski," said mom. "You never seemed interested, and you never asked." "I'm asking now," said Lindy. "Can I learn to ski?" Mom said she would ask Lindy's dad and let her know soon.

That night, mom and dad talked about Lindy learning to ski. "It's a lot of money to learn to ski and to get all the equipment," said dad. "I don't know if we can afford it right now." "But all her friends are skiing, and I don't want her to feel left out," said mom.

The next day Lindy came running home from school and flew open the door to the kitchen. "Mom, mom!" cried Lindy. "The best thing in the world has happened!" "Our teacher, Miss Lucas, is sponsoring a ski trip through the school, and she gets to take five students who want to learn to ski," said Lindy. "She said I would be able to go, and it would only cost the money for the bus." "Please, can I go?" asked Lindy. "What about all the equipment?" "Is that no cost too?" asked mom. "Yes, because a special company is paying for the trip and equipment." "Wow, that sounds too good to be true," said mom. "Let me call Miss Lucas tomorrow and get the details."

The next day Miss Lucas spoke with Lindy's mom and everything was true that Lindy said about the trip. Lindy was going for the weekend and would learn to ski. Her dream of skiing was finally coming true. Lindy and her classmates finally arrived at the ski lodge. They learned everything about the skis and how to handle the ski poles. Lindy went down the beginner hill with her teacher and skied like she was skiing for years. When Lindy got home, she told her parents about the great time she had and how well she did with the lessons she learned over the weekend. Lindy's parents were so happy that she realized her dream of learning to ski. What was even more exciting for Lindy was that her parents surprised her with a new pair of skis so she would be able to ski again during the winter. "Wow!" said Lindy. "I never expected this trip or the great pair of skis." "This is the best time of my life!"



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 - B. Jealous
 - C. Happy
 - D. Mad

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 - A. Her mother
 - B. Her teacher
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