

Simply Sports

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Meka and Michael, who were twins, were headed to the park on Gabriel Street. As they were walking, they saw some big machines and trucks at the old Wagner Hardware Store. "I wonder what's going on?" asked Meka as they got closer to the noisy machines. There were sections of the sidewalk that were closed, so the kids had to walk across the street. "Let's ask that man with the sign what's going on," said Michael. The man told the kids that Mr. Wagner wasn't feeling well and sold the store. The person that bought the store decided to knock it down because it was very old. "What kind of store are you going to build?" asked Meka.

"The man that bought the store is going to build a sports shop," said the man. "That's great!" said Michael. "Now anything I need for baseball or football, I will be able to get right here."

Three months went by, and the store was looking like it was almost ready to open. On Saturday, Michael was riding his bike and saw a big sign blinking. The sign read, Simply Sports, now open. Michael was so excited; he stopped his bike and went inside. As soon as he walked in, a loud bell went off. "Congratulations!" yelled a lady from the back of the store. "You are our one hundredth customer today." "You win a gift card for \$50.00." Michael couldn't believe it. "I didn't know you were giving away a gift card," said Michael. "This is great!" Michael looked around at all the wonderful things in the new store. He saw a really great baseball he liked, and he saw a neat skateboard too. "I'll be back," said Michael to the lady at the counter.

Michael went home as fast as he could and told Meka about the store opening and how he won a gift card. "Let's go back together and find something we both like," said Michael. Meka thought that was really kind of her brother to include her in his winning of the gift card. When they went back to Simply Sports, Meka couldn't believe all the wonderful things the store had for sale. After looking around for twenty minutes, the twins decided on some swimming goggles they could use at the city pool, and a new beach towel to go with it. "This was our lucky day," said Michael. "Are you sure you don't want that baseball?" asked Meka. "No, I wanted to get something we both could enjoy," said Michael. "Thanks," said Meka.



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 - D. They are neighbors.

2. What type of store was the old Wagner store?
 - A. A dry cleaner
 - B. A music store
 - C. A hardware store
 - D. A florist

3. How long did it take before the new store opened?
 - A. Five months
 - B. Four months
 - C. Six months
 - D. Three months

4. Who told Meka and Michael what the new store was going to be?
 - A. The mailman
 - B. The worker with a sign
 - C. A policeman
 - D. A neighbor

5. What did Meka and Michael buy with the gift card?
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