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Grade 4 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

A Puzzle

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Read the story. Then answer the questions.

The house next door was tumbling down, when Jack and Jim Maguire came. They patched the roof and replaced the doors. They even built a whole new wall. Ben and Mac sat on the fence. They watched the work, and heard the chat. "I'll measure up the windows, Jack." "Patching roofs is thirsty work." Weeks went by, and then one day Jack said to Jim, "This house is as good as new. Tomorrow we'll be moving on." Ben and Mac sat on the fence, their faces long and glum. "What will we do now?" said Ben. "I know what," said Mac. "I'll be Jim and you'll be Jack. We'll build a hut together." Jack and Jim started the hut against the other fence. Their sister, Pam, sat on the bike. She watched the work. Days went by, and then one morning Jim was left alone. "What will I do now?" thought Jim, and then he saw his sister, Pam. "I know what," he said. "I'll be Jim and you'll be Jack. We'll build the hut together." Jack and Jim decided it was time a roof went on. Their brother, Tim, sat in the grass. He watched the work. Days Jen, the friend who lived next door, climbed up on the fence, she watched the work. Days went by, then one morning, Jim was left alone and then he saw his friend, Jen. "I know what," "I'll be Jim and you'll be Jack." He said. "We'll build the hut together." Jack and Jim decided that the hut must have a door. At last the hut was finished. All the Jacks and all the Jims squeezed into the hut for a party. The puzzle is: Who built it? Jack and Jim, of course.

Answer each question.

1. Why Jack and Jim came to the house next door?
2. Who will build the hut together and where?
3. Name the children who have become Jack and Jim?
4. How they build the house?
5. Where did all the Jacks and the Jims go to the party?
6. What was the puzzle?

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Answer each question.

1. Why Jack and Jim came to the house next door?

Jack and Jim came to repair the house next door because it was tumbling. It took several weeks to build the new wall.

2. Who will build the hut together and where?

Ben and Mac will build the hut against the other fence.

3. Name the children who have become Jack and Jim?

There are many children who have become: Ben, Mac, Pam, Tim and Jen.

4. How did they build the house?

They built the roof and door and then completed the hut.

5. Where did all the Jacks and the Jims go to the party?

All the Jacks and all the Jims went into the hut for a party.

6. What is the puzzle?

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