

The Bracelet

Comprehension Worksheet

BEFORE reading the story, answer the following questions.

1. Have you ever received a special gift from a friend? OR Have you ever given a special gift to a friend? Describe one of the gifts and tell why it was so special.

Answers will vary.

2. Have you ever moved? If yes, how did you feel about having to leave your friends and familiar places behind? If no, how do you think you would feel?

Answers will vary.

AFTER reading the story, answer the following questions.

3. Describe the gift that Laurie gave to Emi.

Laurie gave Emi a gold chain bracelet with a dangling heart charm.

4. Why did Laurie give Emi such a special gift?

Laurie gave Emi such a special gift because she was her best friend. She knew Emi was leaving and might not ever return. The bracelet was a symbol of their friendship.

5. How did Emi feel about leaving her home, friends, and city behind?

Emi felt sad, angry, lonely, abandoned, and scared about leaving.

6. Why was Emi especially sad to lose the bracelet?

Emi was especially sad to lose the bracelet because she felt it was the one thing that would help her remember her best friend, Laurie.

7. What was Mama's advice to Emi about the lost bracelet and ways she could remember Laurie?

Mama's advice to Emi was that she did not need the bracelet to remember Laurie. Memories and thoughts of friends, family, and all things loved are carried in our hearts and go with us no matter where we go.