“One Hundred Dollars”

Leonard James is a homeless man. For him, life is always hard. He is always hungry. His shoes have holes in them. He needs a haircut. His clothes are old and dirty. “What I would do with one hundred dollars!” Leonard says. This is a game he likes to play with himself to take his mind off things. He is walking down the street on a Thursday night. It is winter. The air is cold. “If I had one hundred dollars, I could buy new socks,” he says. He continues to walk down the street. “If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a haircut,” he says. He continues to walk down the street. “If I had one hundred dollars, I could buy new pants,” he says. He continues to walk down the street. “If I had one hundred dollars, I could get a hamburger,” he says. His stomach rumbles at the thought. “If I had .....” Leonard looks down at the sidewalk. He cannot believe what he sees! Someone has lost his wallet. Leonard picks it up. Inside are five twenty-dollar bills. “One hundred dollars!” Leonard says. He is very excited. “Now I can buy everything I want!” Leonard begins to think. “But this is not my money,” he says. Leonard goes to the police station. He gives a police officer the wallet and money. “Thank you,” says the police officer. “You are a very honest man.” Leonard smiles. He turns around and begins to leave the police station. “Hold on,” the police officer says. He reaches in his own pocket and gives Leonard ten dollars. “Get yourself something to eat.”

**1) What is life like for Leonard?**

A. It is hard.  B. It is easy.  C. It is warm.  D. It is full of good food.

**2) How does the reader know that Leonard is poor?**

**▼Check all that are correct.**

A. He is honest.  B. He has no home.

C. He finds a wallet.  D. He is always hungry.

**3) Why does Leonard think about what he would do with a hundred dollars?**

A) It helps him go to sleep. B) It takes his mind off things.

C) The police officer asks him to. D) He knows he will find the  money.

**4) What time of year is it?**

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**5) What does Leonard say he would do with a hundred dollars?**

**▼Check all that are correct.**

A. get a haircut  B. buy new clothes

C. get a hotel room  D. get something to eat

**6) Why does Leonard's stomach rumble?**

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**7) He cannot believe what he sees. What is another way to write this sentence?**

1. He thinks what he sees is crazy.
2. He feels what he sees is good  luck.
3. He thinks what he sees can not  be true.
4. He does not think what he sees  is scary.

**8) Why does Leonard go to the police station?**

A. because he owes money  B. because he wants a reward

C. because the wallet is not his D. because he has committed a crime