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The Big Violin Solo

Chloe loved playing the violin in her school group. But standing in front of big crowds made her heart beat fast and her hands feel shaky. On Thursday, her music teacher, Mr. Vance, said, "Our concert is tomorrow night, and Chloe will play the first song all by herself on stage." Chloe felt a uncomfortable knot in her belly. She thought, "I am too scared. I will just ask Mr. Vance to pick a different student tomorrow."



The next evening, the room was full of parents and kids. Chloe stood behind the stage, holding her violin. She was too scared to tell Mr. Vance how she felt. She stayed quiet and hoped her fear would go away. When the lights went dim, Mr. Vance told her to walk to the middle of the stage. Chloe froze under the bright light. She could not lift her bow to play.

Mr. Vance gave Chloe a kind smile. He showed her how to take a deep breath. Chloe closed her eyes and breathed in slowly. She remembered how much she had practiced at home. Chloe took a step forward, put her bow on the strings, and played her song. It sounded soft and sweet. Everyone clapped when she finished. Chloe learned that facing her fear made her feel brave. She told herself to take a deep breath whenever she felt scared again.



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1. At the beginning of the story, what makes Chloe feel scared?

- A. Mr. Vance says she cannot play in the concert.
- B. She has to play a song by herself in front of a crowd.
- C. She forgets what day the concert happens.
- D. She does not know how to hold her violin.

2. What happens in the middle of the story when Chloe gets scared?

- A. Chloe stands still on stage and cannot start her song.
- B. Chloe asks a friend to play the song for her.
- C. Mr. Vance stops the concert and turns on the lights.
- D. Chloe runs to sit with her parents in the crowd.

3. How does Chloe fix her problem at the end of the story?

- A. She runs off the stage before finishing her song.
- B. Mr. Vance plays the song for her.
- C. Everyone leaves the room before she plays.
- D. She takes a slow, deep breath and plays her song well.

4. What lesson does Chloe learn in the story?

- A. You should only play music for small groups of people.
- B. Violin is the hardest instrument to learn.
- C. Being brave and taking a deep breath can help you when you are scared.
- D. It is best to hide when something feels hard.