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QUESTION 1. What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair? Why does he lag behind?

ANSWER: On his way to the fair the child sees toys, balloons of different colors, garland of gulmohur, a swing and a snake-charmer playing a flute. He gets attracted towards all these things. So, he lags behind.



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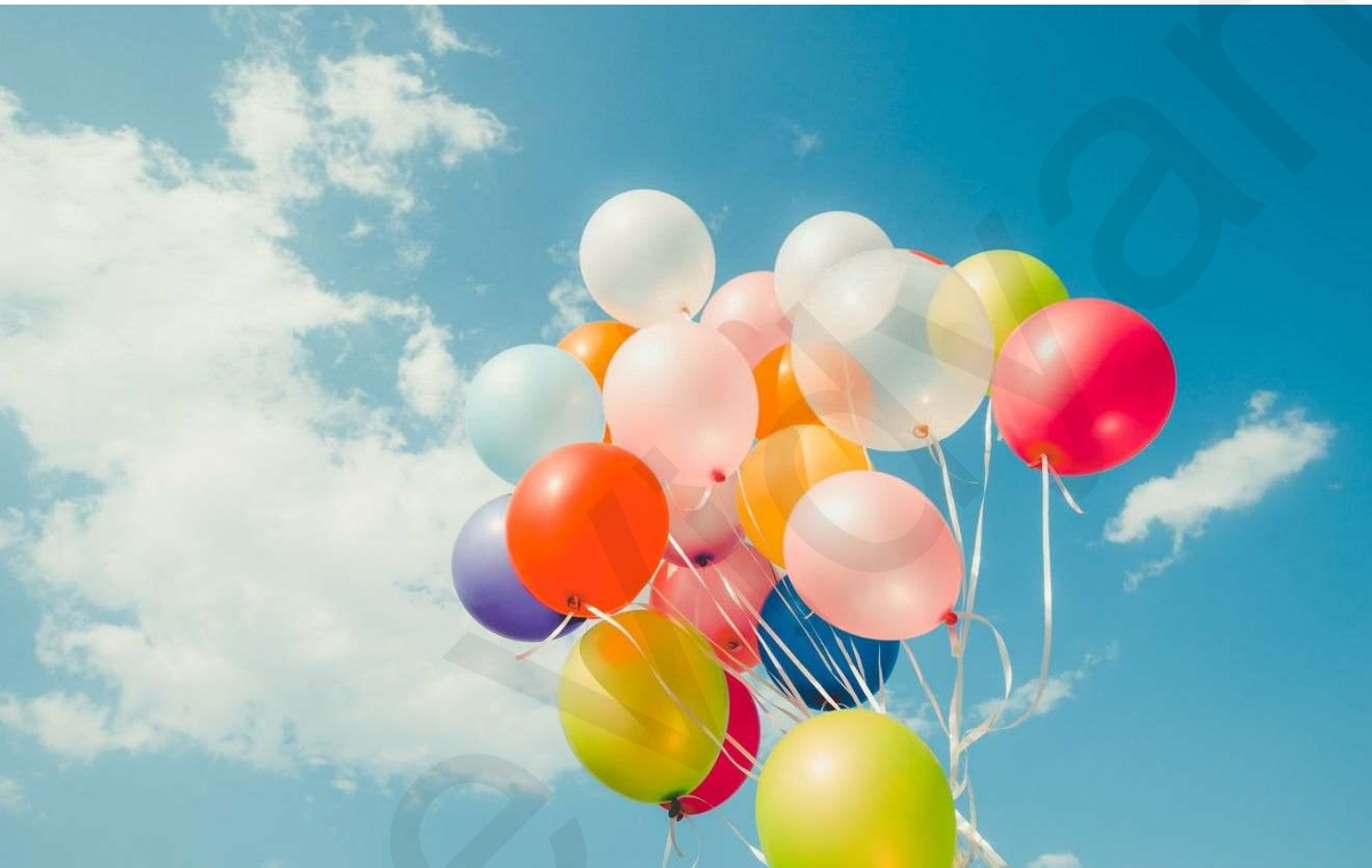


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QUESTION 2. When does he realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?

ANSWER: The child sees a roundabout in the fair and gets attracted to it. He wants to have a ride on it. He asks his parents for permission to enjoy it. Having no response on the part of his parents he realizes that he has lost his way. He starts crying bitterly at once and runs here and there in search of them.

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QUESTION 3. In the fair he wants many things. What are they? Why does he move on without waiting for an answer?

ANSWER: He wanted toys, different sweets, garland, balloons of different colors and has a keen desire to enjoy the roundabout. He moves on without waiting for an answer because whenever he stops to see things, his parents gave him a cautionary call, “come, child, come!”

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QUESTION 4. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier?

ANSWER: he lost child loses interest in the things he had wanted earlier because he got lost in the fair. He is panic-stricken for being lost. Now he just wants his parents. He is afraid and feels unsafe.



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QUESTION 5. What do you think happens in the end? Does the child find his parents?

ANSWER: Yes I feel that the child finds his parents at last. The kind-hearted person must have tried his best to find his parents. On the other hand the parents of the child must have left no stone unturned to find their child.

