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Focus Skill: Character, Setting, and Plot

- Read the passage. Then choose the best answer for each question.

The Giant Lobster

Gary had heard about the giant lobster from some friends. It turned out they were right about its size. It weighed thirteen pounds! When he saw it, Gary felt more than awe for this lobster, though. He had read that large lobsters were also old ones. This one was trapped in a tiny tank at the supermarket. The thought of someone eating that poor old guy made Gary very sad.

He wanted to rescue the lobster, but he knew that he had neither the time nor the money to take care of a pet. Besides, where would he put it? Even so, Gary asked the supermarket manager if he would let the lobster go to a good home. The manager explained that lobsters are sold by the pound, and he showed Gary how much the giant lobster cost. The manager could not afford to give away that much money. Then Gary asked his friends to give money to buy the lobster, but his friends were more interested in eating the lobster than saving it.

Finally, Gary called the city zoo. Mr. Hu, an employee of the zoo, said he would try to help. Gary and Mr. Hu worried that someone might buy the lobster before they could save it. Working together, they raised enough money to buy the lobster, and they put it in the children's section of the zoo's aquarium. Mr. Hu put a picture of Gary beside the lobster's new tank.