Making New Friends

Gary the Goose and his sister, Lucy, were playing in the pond one day when their parents called them to the bank. “We have to get ready to leave,” said Gary’s mother, as she looked up into the sky. “Where are we going? Why are we leaving our home?” cried Lucy. “We will be back, dear,” said Gary’s mother, “but when the weather gets cold, we fly south for the winter.”

Gary and Lucy’s parents explained to the twins that every year, for as long as they can remember, all of their friends and family have been flying south for the winter and then returning in the spring. “It is expected that we will be there in time for your cousin’s birthday,” said Gary’s father. Gary and Lucy decided that to start packing and the family flew south the next day.

The family soon arrived at their winter home, just in time for the birthday party. All of their family and friends were there! Gary and Lucy had a great time at the party, but they were still sad about leaving their friends, Mr. Frog and Miss. Fish. Gary and Lucy’s parents encouraged the twins to make some new friends, so off to the local pond they went. When Gary and Lucy got to the pond, they saw colors and animals like they had never seen! One day, a bright colored fish swam up to Lucy and said “hello!” Lucy did not say anything so the fish said “Are you new around here?” Lucy looked down at the fish and said “How can you tell?” The fish smiled and said “I have never seen you around here and you look sad.” Lucy told the fish her story and before long, the two were chatting about the beautiful weather. Lucy introduced her new friend to her brother and the three became the best of friends.

1. Where do Gary and Lucy have to fly for the winter? __________________________

2. Look at the first paragraph. How would you describe the Goose family? (Circle)
   Close    Distant    Funny

3. Why were Gary and Lucy sad in the second paragraph? __________________________
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4. What advice did Gary and Lucy’s parents give them? __________________________
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5. Based on what you know about Gary and Lucy, would they be good friends to have?
   __________________ Explain: ____________________________________________
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