Tell Me Everything!

If your reader has too many unanswered questions about basic details in your story, they may get frustrated and stop reading. Anticipate the kinds of questions that your reader might ask, and answer them with vivid and compelling details that will make them want to keep reading.

**DIRECTIONS**: Read the paragraph and the questions below. Rewrite the paragraph, adding detail to answer each question.

Mark handed his sister, Darlene, a package. She opened it. “It’s just what I wanted,” Darlene said. “Thank you, Mark!” Mark had worked hard to find the present. He was glad that Darlene liked it.

1. What did the package look like?
2. What was in it?
3. How did Darlene look and sound when she opened the package?
4. What had Mark gone through to find the present?
5. How did Mark look when he saw how happy Darlene was?