

**READ THE PASSAGE** Pay attention to the reasons people do things.

### Sharing Music

The students in Mr. Caro's classroom were excited. They were getting ready for the winter holidays. They made lacy paper snowflakes to hang in the windows. They planned their holiday party. They learned cheerful holiday songs and sang them together each day.

"You sound very good!" said Mr. Caro. "I have an idea. The holidays are a good time for giving. Would you like to share your music?"

"Yes!" said the children. And so they did. They went to a hospital near their school. They sang for the people there. The doctors and nurses smiled. The sick people smiled, too. They all clapped their hands and thanked the children.

The class walked from the hospital to a home where older people go to live. They sang joyfully as they walked through the halls. The men and women who lived there smiled and waved from their rooms. The music had made their day special.

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. Why is the class excited?

- Ⓐ The holidays are coming up.
- Ⓑ The first snow has fallen.
- Ⓒ A music show is in town.
- Ⓓ Mr. Caro is having a birthday party.

2. Mr. Caro asks the students to share their music because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ wants the class to leave school
- Ⓑ wants to walk to the hospital
- Ⓒ has a friend who is sick
- Ⓓ thinks they sound good

3. Why do the doctors thank the class?

- Ⓐ The class makes the sick people well.
- Ⓑ The class teaches music to others.
- Ⓒ The class sings songs at the hospital.
- Ⓓ The class put snowflakes in the windows.

4. Why are people smiling and waving?

- Ⓐ The doctors tell the people to wave.
- Ⓑ The people like the children's singing.
- Ⓒ The people want to share.
- Ⓓ The people live near the hospital.

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Underline the sentences that helped you see the people who listened to the children singing.