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## STORMY



One hot summer day, Brendan's father came into the house. "The mare is having a baby. If you are quiet, you can come to the barn and watch," he said.

Brendan and his father ran to the barn. Black storm clouds were on the horizon. His father and the vet helped the mare have her foal. Brendan had to sit outside and watch through the door. Too many people would have made the mare nervous.

It was exciting to see. The mare stood in her stall. The vet patted her neck. Brendan watched. Suddenly, the foal came out. There was deep hay on the floor of the stall. The foal dropped into the soft hay. Outside, it began to rain.

The new baby horse was wet. It was brown. It was very thin. It had long legs. The vet checked the foal. He cleaned its nose so it could breathe.

Soon the foal stood up. Young horses can walk soon after they are born. It drank some milk from its mother.

"I'm all done here," said the vet. "The foal is fine."

They stayed with the horses until bedtime. They walked back to the house in the rain. Brendan's father let him use a horse blanket as an umbrella.

"What will we name it?" asked Brendan.

"You can pick a name," his father said.

"I will call it Stormy," Brendan said.

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**Answer the questions about *STORMY***

1. What time of year is it in the story?
  - a. spring
  - b. summer
  - c. fall
  - d. winter
  
2. What is the weather like?
  - a. snowy
  - b. rainy
  - c. dry
  - d. foggy
  
3. What is another word for “baby horse”?
  - a. fawn
  - b. piglet
  - c. foal
  - d. calf
  
4. Why did Brendan stay outside the barn?
  - a. He didn’t want to make the mare nervous.
  - b. His father was angry at him.
  - c. He was afraid.
  - d. It stinks in a barn!
  
5. Why did Brendan want to name the foal “Stormy”?
  - a. Because it was so wild.
  - b. Because it was his mother’s name.
  - c. Because it was such a rainy day.
  - d. All of the above.

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**Answers for *STORMY***

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. c