Chapter 13—Sharps receive ‘best’ gifts

1. What is the purpose of the apostrophe in the term ‘the family’s parlor’?
   A to shoe location
   B to show ownership by one family
   C to show missing letters in a word
   D to show a number

2. What did the piano music indicate?
   A They were nearing the church.
   B Alan was the family musician.
   C Christmas morning had come.
   D The tree had been decorated.

3. Which best describes the characteristics of fire?
   A beneficial and dangerous
   B warm and cozy
   C colorful and lively
   D destructive and deadly

4. Which best describes Harry and Alan?
   A clever playmates
   B fine musicians
   C good musicians
   D quick thinkers

5. Why did Papa give Helen an extra pat?
   A He knew she cherished her Christmas doll.
   B He knew she had made the Christmas dolls.
   C He knew she was disappointed about the tree.
   D He knew she was remembering the brimstone fire.

6. Which best describes the family’s Christmas presents?
   A expensive
   B gaudy
   C simple
   D shameful
7. Which best describes the purpose of the chapter?

- A to recommend sharing during holidays
- B to reveal the dangers of using fire indoors
- C to explain the pleasure of holiday trees and music
- D to share the Sharp family’s holiday customs

Discuss and write about each chapter, completing open-ended sentences, such as:

1. I learned…

2. I predict…

3. I felt…because…

4. I thought…because…

5. I liked the way the writer (or illustrator)…