

On Christmas Eve, the twinkling winter sky shimmered like a blanket of silver stars. Bella, a brave, curious girl, tiptoed downstairs quietly, hopefully, and excitedly. She wanted to see whether the jolly, red-coated visitor had arrived yet, but the living room was still and silent.

Suddenly, a soft jingling drifted through the window. Bella rushed to the garden, and there she found **a tiny**, glowing reindeer, tired but hopeful, small yet powerful, gentle and magical. Its nose sparkled with brightness.

"I've lost Father Christmas," it said with a sadness that made Bella's heart squeeze.

Bella thought carefully. "You can stay with me, or we can search for him together."

The reindeer nodded gratefully, and the two set off into the night, following the shimmering, snowy trail. They walked bravely, joyfully, and fearlessly—a perfect Christmas team of two—so Christmas could be saved for everyone.

1. Find and underline an example of a power of three used in the story.
2. Find and underline two adverbs ending in -ly.
3. **Find and underline** one expanded noun phrase that describes a setting or character.
4. Why did Bella go downstairs on Christmas Eve?
5. How do you think Bella felt when she heard the jingling sound? Explain your answer using clues from the text.
6. What does the tiny reindeer's glowing nose suggest about its character?
7. Why does the reindeer feel sad? What word tells you this?
9. What choice does Bella give the reindeer?
10. Why do you think Bella and the reindeer make "a perfect Christmas team of two"?

