

Reading Homework 16.10-23.10.26

Mia's Relief

The sky had turned a dull silver by the time Mia stepped outside. She pulled her coat tightly around her and glanced up at the clouds, wondering if the weather would ruin her plans. Today was the day of the school's annual Winter Fair, something she had been looking forward to for weeks. As she walked down the street, she noticed the wind growing stronger. Crisp leaves skittered across the pavement like tiny dancers.

When Mia reached the school gates, she paused. The playground, usually noisy and busy, was strangely quiet. A few teachers were hurrying back and forth, carrying boxes into the hall. Mia spotted Mrs Patel, her class teacher, and jogged over.

"Is the fair still happening?" she asked, trying to hide the worry in her voice.

Mrs Patel smiled warmly. "Of course. We've just had to move everything indoors. The weather won't stop us."

Relief washed over Mia. She stepped inside the hall and gasped. Strings of twinkling lights hung from the ceiling, stalls were set up neatly, and the smell of warm cakes drifted through the air. The Winter Fair wasn't ruined at all—it might even be better than she imagined.

Questions

1. What emotion is Mia feeling when she first reaches the school gates? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
2. Why do you think the teachers are "hurrying back and forth" with boxes? Use evidence from the text.
3. What does the phrase "relief washed over Mia" suggest about how she feels?