

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

## The Coat

“Do not go outside without your warm coat, Tom. It is very cold, and the snow lies thick on the ground. If you do, then you will catch cold, and you will be sick.”

“I feel quite warm. I don’t need to wear a warm coat.”

“Yes, you do. In here we have a large fire. Outside there is no fire to keep you warm, and the cold wind blows. If you have no warm coat on, you will feel cold.”



However, Tom thought he knew best, so he went outside with no coat on. Tom caught a bad cold and cough. He was in bed quite sick.

Jack, Will and Tom were supposed to play on the frozen pond the next day, but now Tom was too sick to go. When he was in bed, Tom thought how silly he had been. He would try to do all that he was told when he got well.



**Questions:**

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2. Why doesn't Tom think he needs a coat?

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3. What happened when Tom went out without a coat?

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**Answers:**

1. What was the weather like outside?  
It was cold outside.
2. Why doesn't Tom think he needs a coat?  
Tom doesn't think he needs the coat because he feels warm.
3. What happened when Tom went out without a coat?  
Tom caught a bad cold and cough when he went outside.
4. Why did Tom think he had been silly?  
Tom thought he'd been silly because now he is in bed, sick with the cough and cold. He cannot go to the pond and play with his friends.