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DANA'S FLOWER GARDEN



Dana loves flowers. Her favorites are daisies, tulips, and daffodils. Tulips and daffodils come up every spring, and daisies come up later in the summer. These plants are perennials; they come up year after year.



Dana loves the spring because she can go to the flower market to buy her annuals. The annuals only last one season, but they add a lot of color to the garden. Dana got up Saturday morning very early. She wanted to get to the market early so she would have time to plant everything when she got home. Off she went to Barton's Flower Market. She ran into some friends.



"Hi, Dana," they called out to her.



"Hi," said Dana with a big smile. "Let's look around together!" Dana and her friends saw pansies, geraniums, periwinkles, and petunias.

"Oh, so many pretty flowers!" exclaimed Dana. "I love them all."



Dana decided to buy red and yellow pansies, blue periwinkles, and purple petunias. *That will add a lot of color to my garden,* thought Dana. She said good-bye to her friends and went home.



Dana happily began planting her new flowers around the tulips and daffodils. Dana was so happy. She loved her flower garden, and she knew she would enjoy it all summer long. Dana had a perfect day.

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Answer the questions about *DANA'S FLOWER GARDEN*

1. According to the story, Dana liked to
 - a. cook food from the garden
 - b. plant flowers in the garden
 - c. pull weeds from the garden
 - d. none of the above

2. Daffodils and tulips are
 - a. perennials
 - b. annuals
 - c. need to be planted each year.
 - d. none of the above

3. Annuals are flowers that
 - a. come up year after year
 - b. add color
 - c. must be planted each spring
 - d. both b and c.

4. Dana bought
 - a. every flower at the market
 - b. tulips and daffodils
 - c. pansies, petunias, and periwinkles
 - d. none of the above

5. In this story, Dana's mood was
 - a. sad
 - b. surprised
 - c. happy
 - d. all the above

Explain the difference between a perennial and an annual.

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Answers to *DANA'S FLOWER GARDEN*

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

Annuals must be planted every year, perennials come back every year.

Flowers pictured in story:

- daisy
- tulip
- daffodil
- pansy
- periwinkle
- petunia