Reading

The Kitten

Read the story below and decide why Rosie might have done what she did. Write your answer in the space provided.

Rosie wanted a kitten more than anything in the world. For months, she had dreamed of the day that she and her parents would go to the pound and adopt her brand new pet. But Rosie's mother insisted they wait until Rosie's birthday, which was still two months away. Rosie thought of kittens all day. She hoped hers would have blue eyes, fluffy fur, and a happy purr that Rosie would feel through her shirt when the kitten curled up on her chest.

Walking home from school one day, she passed a neighbor's house and noticed a big cardboard box on the porch. Curious, she ventured closer and saw her neighbor, Mrs. Spencer, lifting a fluffy kitten from the box! The words "Free Kittens" were written across the side of the box in big, black letters.

Mrs. Spencer saw Rosie eyeing the box and waved to her to come closer. "Your name is Rosie, isn't it? You live down the block." Rosie nodded and held her arms out for the kitten Mrs. Spencer was handing her to hold. It had blue eyes and its fur was as soft as Rosie had dreamed it would be.

"Would you like to adopt that kitten?" asked Mrs. Spencer, smiling kindly. Before she knew what she was saying, Rosie blurted out, "Yes!"

"Is it alright with your parents?"

"It's fine. We've been planning to get a kitten for months." Though it wasn't the whole truth, Rosie couldn't help herself. She let Mrs. Spencer put the kitten into a little box, hand her a can of food, and send her on her way.

Why didn't Rosie tell the truth?

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