Remember Your Passengers

Pre-reading

Question:

• What do you think this story is about? Why?

Definitions:

• Remember – to keep in your mind or in your memory
• Passenger – a person who is riding in a vehicle, not driving
• Glance – to take a quick look
• Safe – free from danger
• Remind – to make a person think of someone or something

Reading

It is a hot summer day. Kim wakes up late. She takes a quick shower and gets dressed. She grabs the bills that need to be mailed. She is rushing to get to work on time and is thinking about many things.

Kim puts her baby in the car. The baby falls asleep while Kim drives to work.

Kim parks and gets out of the car. She locks the car doors and glances in the back seat. Her baby is still there! She forgot to take her baby to daycare!

Kim thinks of a news story she saw on TV. It was about a father who forgot to take his baby to daycare. He went to work and forgot that his baby boy was in the car. The baby was in the hot car all day. He died from the heat.

Kim is glad that she saw her baby in the back seat. She gets back in her car and takes her baby to daycare. Her baby is safe. Kim reminds herself to slow down and think about what she is doing.
Understanding

1. In what season does this story take place? ___________________________________

2. Why is Kim rushing? _______________________________________________________

3. What does the word forget/forgot mean? _____________________________________

4. Where did Kim need to take her baby? _______________________________________  

5. What can happen to a child who is left in a hot car? ____________________________

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: When do you forget things? How do you not forget things?