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## The Magic Ring



My name is Rachel. When I was younger, I was always afraid and scared of taking part in competitions in school or speaking openly in front of a lot of people. All of this was very interesting for me, but I was never able to go forward and participate or speak up. I had this deep feeling inside me that something will go wrong and I don't have the required skill.

Then on my 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, my mother gifted me a magic ring. It was a pretty ring with a small sparkly stone. I loved it. My mother told me that

this ring was magical, and whenever in life, when I was scared, I should just wear this ring and everything will be all right. I decided to test this immediately.

The next day when I went to school, I raised my hand to lead the prayer in the class and stepped forward. I wore my ring, and imagined everything to be all right. I was scared as I started and I thought that the ring is not working, but slowly, my nervousness slipped away and I recited the prayer without any mistake. I was sure it was the magical powers of the ring. I was elated. I started taking part in all competitions; I openly spoke about my views and opinions. Everyone was happy with my self-confidence even I did not know what it means.

Finally, on my 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, mother told me that the ring is a normal silver ring. She just wanted me to gain some confidence, which I did by participating in different activities. I always thought it was the ring that was helping me, but it turns out it was always me. I had been scared and this fear could only be overcome by learning and taking part.

Answer the following questions:

1. What was Rachel afraid of?

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2. What did the mother gift Rachel? Did it help Rachel?

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3. How did Rachel test the ring?

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4. Was the ring really magical?

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5. When did Rachel learn the truth about the ring?

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**6. Skill**

- a. Quality
- b. Money
- c. Knowledge



## **7. Confidence**

- a. brave
- b. strong
- c. being sure about yourself

## **8. Elated**

- a. Sad
- b. Happy
- c. Confused