Practice reading these sentences.

Vick was home with a cold.
He saw a doe and her baby deer.
Mom and Eva tiptoed to the window.
Dad drove his van down the lane.
One cold, snowy day at the end of November, Vick woke up sneezing and sniffling. His throat was sore too. “Oh, no,” he thought to himself.

Vick got up and put on his robe. “Mom!” he said. “I feel sick.”

Mom came in. “You have a bad cold,” she said. “You cannot go to school. You must rest at home.”
Vick was sad that he couldn’t go to school with his friends, but he really didn’t feel well. After breakfast, he snuggled under a blanket and looked out the window.

Mom gave Vick a dose of medicine. Vick read books. He looked out the window. A doe and her baby deer were standing by a tree! “Mom! Eva!” yelled Vick. “Come here fast! Look out my window!”
Mom and Eva ran into Vick’s room.
“Look at the deer!” said Vick.
“A mom and a baby! By the tree!”
Mom and Eva looked out.
“I do not see deer,” said Eva.
“Are you making it up, Vick?”
Vick looked out. He did not see the deer!
“I DID see a doe and a baby deer!” said Vick. “O.K.,” said Mom. She shrugged and left. “Do not leave, Eva,” said Vick. “It is not fun to be alone. Play a game with me.”
“O.K.,” said Eva. “I hope I beat you!”
Eva got a game. They began to play.
“Oh! LOOK!” said Eva. She ran to the window.
“The deer came back!” said Vick. “Eva, get Mom!”
Eva rushed out. She and Mom came back into Vick’s room.
“Shhh!” said Vick. “I DID see deer! Do not scare them.”
Mom and Eva tiptoed to the window.
They stared at the doe and her baby.
The doe poked her nose in the snow.
“Is she digging for pine cones?” asked Eva.
“Nope,” said Vick. “The doe is looking for seeds to eat.”
Dad drove his van down the lane. The doe and the baby deer looked up. They were still. They did not run. Dad did not see the deer as he got out of the van.

The children watched the mother deer and her baby. Suddenly, they heard Dad’s van. What do you think happened?
Dad slammed the van door shut. It scared the deer! The doe and baby deer leaped over a fence. They ran to the trees in back of the shed. “Oh, no!” said Vick. “The deer are hiding.”
Dad poked his head into Vick’s room.
“What is going on?” asked Dad.
Eva said, “Dad, we saw deer!
They were looking for seeds to eat.”
“They heard the van and hid by the trees,” said Vick.
Dad said, "I have feed in the shed. We can leave it by the stone pile. I bet the deer will come back to eat."

Dad and Eva tramped to the shed. They put the feed by the stones.
Vick rested in bed. Then he got up. Vick asked, “Eva, did the deer come back?” Eva said, “Dad and I put feed by the stones. I hope they come back!”
Dad said, “We can keep feed by the stones. I bet the deer will come back a lot.”
“Let’s hope,” said Vick.
“I like the deer to visit us,” said Eva.
“I can tell the kids at school about the deer!” said Vick.
“I am glad I was home to see them.”
1. Why was Vick at home?
   a. School was closed.
   b. He was sick.

2. What did Vick and Eva see out the window?

3. Why were the deer digging in the snow?

4. Why did Dad and Eva leave the feed?

5. How did Vick feel at the end of the story?
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