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Friendshine

Sarah ran into the house as excited as she could be. She learned at summer camp that this Sunday is International Friendship Day, and she couldn't wait to call her very best friend Alice, who had recently moved away. The girls missed each other terribly and talked on the phone or wrote each other letters as often as they could. Sarah dialed Alice's number. The phone rang and rang, but no one answered. Sadly, she hung up and headed toward her bedroom. Her mother watched her walk through the kitchen.

"What's the matter?" she asked Sarah.

"Oh, Sunday is Friendship Day, so I tried to call Alice and remind her that she is my best friend in the whole world, but she didn't answer," replied Sarah.

"Well, maybe you can try again later," said her mother.

Suddenly, the doorbell rang. "I'll get it," Sarah said glumly. When she opened the door, she couldn't believe her eyes. It was Alice. She had come to surprise Sarah and spend the whole weekend with her. The girls hugged, jumped up and down, and danced a happy jig.

"I'm so glad you came," said Sarah. "You are like a ray of friendshine."

"Don't you mean sunshine?" asked Sarah's mom.

"I put the words best friend and sunshine together and made a new word friendshine," explained Sarah. "Isn't it neat?"

"Cool," said Alice. The girls giggled and then ran off to play.

Directions: Based on the story, decide whether the statements below are true or false. Then fill in the circle for the correct answer.

1. Sarah learned that International Friendship Day is on Saturday.
 True False
2. Sarah's best friend Alice recently moved away, and both girls are sad about it.
 True False
3. Alice came to Sarah's house for a surprise weekend visit.
 True False
4. Sarah found the word "friendshine" in the dictionary.
 True False