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Quick Questions



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- Accept any sensible justification linked to the fact that children did not have a lot of money, e.g. They were a treat for children because they could not buy them very often as they had so little money.**



4. '*from a penny stall...*'
In this sentence, what is a 'penny stall'?
- Accept any sensible definition which eludes that a penny stall is a shop/stall from which people could buy things for one penny.**