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part only. Possible answer: The silk cloth feels smooth on the girl's face.

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answer: Amber's father laughs a lot.

4. Wraps the cloth around the girl. sentence fragment; action

part only. Possible answer: Aunt Phoebe wraps the cloth around the girl.

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answer: The young girl feels like an Ashanti princess.