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## The Time Capsule

One day, when they were both nine, Millie and Pete made a time capsule. They filled an old metal box **or rust with** stuff and buried it in a **secret total united** place.

Two years passed. So much **delivered happened questioned** in the world and in their **bikes lives pets** since they put that metal box **due in of** the ground. Millie grew three inches. Pete **got led paid** a dog. Millie's dad found a **new red used** job and bought a new car. **Nor Slow They** both began writing to pen pals **and in top** foreign countries.

Now seemed like a **good pure tiny** time to dig up the time **capsule disease watch**. They wanted to compare how they **owned ran were** at eleven

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to how they used **her  
near  
to** be when they were nine. Then **ate  
some  
they**  
would sit down together and write **letters  
snacks  
speakers** to their new foreign

friends, describing **made  
rainy  
their** progress on various life goals.

Millie **fixed  
saved  
told** Pete that she had forgotten just **also  
many  
what** they  
put into the time capsule. **Here  
She  
Who** remembered a few things, she

was **alone  
but  
sure**, but not all. It would be **blackening  
connecting  
surprising** to open it and

find out **hurt  
none  
what** was in it. Pete said that **all  
he  
son** could not remember

exactly what they **ate  
had  
used** put into the box, either. He **meant  
mixed  
said** it

might feel strange to see **before  
error  
these** things that they had not seen

**in  
more  
not** two years.

Millie found her old **beach  
music  
shoe** sand castle set in the back

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it of then her closet. She and Pete each took a if to plastic shovel and went out into Millie's back lost stand yard. Pete walked to the base his of thus the magnolia tree. Millie walked to for shy the weeping willow about thirty feet away.

“Hey!” she them when shouted. “It’s over here!”

“No way,” Pete affected replied spared . “I know we buried it here.”

Only They Well argued for a bit. Each was free known about the location of the time capsule journal problem . They used Rock Paper Scissors to

bother decide refuse where to dig first. Millie won.

Event On They spent an hour digging a hole fast than under the willow.

Nothing. They spent another dime hour scoop digging another hole under

Keep going ►

the magnolia. Joy  
Open  
The capsule wasn't there, either.

Five holes apart  
first  
later, Millie's dad pulled his car into

soon  
the  
why driveway. He jumped out of the car  
mug  
tree and shouted: "What

are you doing?"

Extremely  
Suddenly  
Usefully, Millie remembered something important about

the day  
law  
trip they buried the time capsule. They had buried it in Pete's

yard.



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## Grandpa's Snakes

When my grandpa was a kid, he lived in California. He lived with his parents and **bit his pair** little sister. Back then the land **had sat was** not so settled. There were few **buildings napkins parents**. But there were miles of fields **and still yet** orchards. You could see cows, horses, **and old tons** chickens. Grandpa and his sister used **of so to** go looking for small lizards. But Grandpa's **favorite smallest tastiest** thing to do was hunt snakes.

**After Down Unless** school, he'd change into blue jeans, **bake grab meet** a peanut butter and jelly sandwich **and per yet** his snake gear, and head for **by free the** hills. His snake gear was a **basket cloud pillow** case, a forked stick, and a **gear head pair** of his mother's old gardening gloves.

Keep going ►

Be  
I  
To
 catch a snake, first you've got
 new  
some  
to
 find it. Grandpa
 was a good
 finder  
maker  
sticker
 of snakes. He knew where they
 caught  
liked  
raised
 to
 sleep during the hot days.
 As  
He  
The
 knew snakes liked to sun
 themselves
 early  
older  
sooner
 in the morning but that they
 crawled  
sunned  
tried
 to stay
 cool in the shade
 behind  
during  
though
 the heat of the day. So,
 coolers  
gloves  
snakes
 could
 best be found underneath rocks,
 few  
in  
old
 hollow trees, or at the roots
 of  
so  
were
 thick bushes.

Once he'd found the
 heat's  
snake's  
tree's
 hiding place, he would sneak
 up
 back  
to  
way
 the end of the tail. When
 he  
more  
some
 got close enough, he
 used his
 angry  
forked  
shaded
 stick to trap its head. Then
 also  
he  
no
 picked it up
 with gloved hands
 and  
dirty  
what
 put it in the pillow case.
 Even  
Most  
Once
 of the

Keep going ►

time Grandpa caught garter

cases  
snakes  
trees

and striped racers.

Once, he caught

a  
but  
in

gopher snake. He carried it home

back  
in  
so

his pillow case and put it

any  
in  
too

the refrigerator. He knew

that the

cold  
heat  
smell

would not hurt it but would

even  
have  
just

send it into

hibernation. When it

had  
sent  
was

asleep, he'd be able to study

hard  
it  
them

But he forgot to tell his

gopher  
mother  
teacher

it was there.

The next time

his  
its  
their

mother opened the refrigerator door,

she

ate  
got  
made

a big surprise! She screamed so

just  
loudly  
quite

, Grandpa

said, that she scared the

bushes  
horses  
shades

in the field next door. The

cook  
horse  
snake

was sleeping, but it still shocked

her  
its  
they

to see it there. After that,

she made a rule: if grandpa put a snake in the refrigerator, he had

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to tape a warning on the outside.





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## Dear Pen Pal

Dear Pen Pal,

I am a robot called Deet. But I think of myself as

an  
it  
us

ordinary eight-year-old kid, just like you.

I  
On  
To

live on the planet Firth. Firth

can  
is  
take

a human-made

planet, the first of

again  
its  
most

kind. Scientists from your space program

built  
jumped  
stood

it one hundred years ago. We

are  
have  
miss

red oceans and one

large, green

landmass  
member  
touchdown

called Bern where all of us

buy  
live  
see

together, robots and humans. The continent

all  
it  
of

Bern is mostly

flat, with a

flat  
long  
poor

line of hills running down the

dream  
middle  
sound

. These

flat lands are where our

cookers  
farmers  
rollers

grow food. The forested hills

Keep going ►

are once  
that  
where the people live.

I live in a  
of  
to big city. Here we have many numbers  
parks  
times filled  
with trees that were brought ahead  
from  
green Earth. There are big squares  
with addresses  
fountains  
illnesses that splash red water. There are cats  
legs  
paths for  
walking and riding your bike. Maps  
We  
Zoos even have magnetic  
skateboards.

On Firth, pockets  
robots  
series and humans skateboard together. Every  
year, also  
such  
there is a big skateboarding contest between for  
none  
the Robot  
team and the Human team. He  
It  
Less is broadcast on television and  
on me  
next  
the radio. People take the day off place  
test  
work to watch or listen  
to it and  
for  
if to cheer on their favorite players. Even  
Last  
Then year I won a

Keep going ►



blue ribbon **for out that** my magnetic skateboarding. The President  
pinned **as it what** to my jacket. I was given **a no up** parade through the  
streets of Bern.

**Any Last When** week, Earth scientists came to see **by so us**. A small team  
of them hiked **into never where** the hills to study our trees. **A Do To** storm  
struck and they had to **build climb forget** an emergency shelter to sleep under.  
**In Odd Way** the morning, the rains had stopped, **but if that** the fog made it  
difficult to **dip let see**. The Earthlings were stranded.

Our leaders **hung put sold** together a search party to look  
**along down for** them. Because I am the best **at like own** climbing trees, I was  
asked to **help plant rain**. I climbed the tallest tree on **of same the** steepest

Keep going ►

hill and found them huddled **anywhere  
together  
usually** around a small campfire  
under a **canopy  
farmer  
memory** of willows.

Dr. Anthony, the head **clothing  
newspaper  
scientist**, was thankful and  
asked if I **cannot  
forced  
would** accept a great honor: to be **free  
like  
the** robot pen pal  
of Firth to **ball  
cake  
planet** Earth. I could start by writing **a  
but  
by** letter to  
you, the son of Earth's **energy  
leader  
winter**. I said that I would be **basic  
happy  
unfair**  
and proud to do so. If **sons  
them  
you** are ever on Firth, I'd like **as  
to  
with** show  
you the parks and the **customers  
fountains  
homework**. I also hope we can go  
**disappearing  
interviewing  
skateboarding** together.

So that's why I'm writing. Hello, **friend  
garden  
silver** ! I hope  
you'll write back soon.

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Yours truly,

Deet



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## Dandelion Salad

Luca's mother liked to pick wild plants. She knew which ones were safe be  
it  
to eat and which ones were not. A  
He  
My often walked along the street with his  
she  
you mother. He watched her as she drove  
picked  
smiled out wild plants. She put the boots  
plants  
trains into a basket she carried over her  
it  
we arm.

Sometimes, she used the plants at  
or  
to make into drinks to heal him and  
for  
the his brother when they were sick. Between  
Sometimes  
Tomorrow, she made jam to spread on pencil  
sand  
toast. Sometimes, she mashed up flower petals and  
not  
only made paints for her artwork. The computers  
elephants  
paintings were very colorful. He liked to help  
read  
sing his mother mash up the flower

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letters  
petals  
streams

using a mortar and pestle. He

jumped  
liked  
raced

the way the

colors got even

farther  
hungrier  
stronger

the more flowers he mixed.

The

hearts  
minutes  
shelves

of the kitchen pantry were packed

off  
top  
with

glass

jars. Each jar was tightly

poured  
sealed  
tired

. There were many different

colors of

jokes  
stairs  
things

inside the jars. He liked to

hide  
look  
write

at all the

colorful jars. A

house  
label  
wish

was stuck to the lid of

each  
how  
this

of these jars.

On each label

ate  
did  
was

the name of what was inside

for  
the  
with

jar and the

date it had

been  
felt  
gone

picked.

Luca's mother seemed to know

everything  
somebody  
sunshine

about wild

plants. When she did

all  
else  
not

know what a plant was, she

jumped  
looked  
wanted

it up in a book that

on  
she  
us

carried along with her in the

basket  
cloud  
sister

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Today, she wanted to make a **fact** salad **winter**. She liked to make  
salads out **of** **to** **up** wild greens that she found on **her** **it** **next** walks. It was  
spring and dandelions **chose** **drove** **were** coming up everywhere.

“Luca, can you **go** **hear** **wear** outside and pick me some dandelion  
**doctors** **greens** **moons**?” she asked. He was happy his **floor** **mother** **shape** trusted him.

He knew how to **build** **find** **trust** dandelions. It was easy. You just **cut** **had** **was** to

look for the bright yellow **chances** **flowers** **spaces**. Dandelions grew in the

backyard. He **joined** **picked** **talked** a bag full of the greens **and** **for** **if** brought it

inside.

His mother told **him** **sure** **your**, “That’s the wrong kind, honey. These

**are** **can** **say** too big. That means they are **older** **richer** **wiser**. And when dandelion

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greens get older, same  
they  
whose are too bitter for salad. You bake  
have  
see to  
pick the young, small leaves.”

He  
Is  
Me felt disappointed for a moment. Then his  
she  
so mother  
touched his face and smiled digitally  
radiantly  
usually. “But I have an idea,” she  
felt  
held  
said. “These would be perfect to feed but  
of  
to your rabbit!” So, he  
fed the braver  
older  
smarter greens to his rabbit. The rabbit needed  
opened  
seemed not to  
find them too bitter. Then he went out again and picked a bag of  
young, tender greens for the salad.







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## Brain Freeze

Have you ever eaten ice cream so fast that you got a headache?

If so, you have had a 

brain  
hand  
star

 freeze!

This happened to me just 

last  
most  
none

 week when I was at the 

mall  
shoe  
wish

 with my friends, George and Judy. 

Cup  
Hair  
We

 all got waffle cones. I started 

eating  
going  
jumping

 mine fast. Too fast, it turned 

down  
out  
with

, because I got a sudden and 

colorful  
painful  
thirsty

 headache.

Judy told me that the 

fine  
like  
same

 thing happened to her last summer. 

My  
She  
Us

 ate a dish of ice cream 

for  
now  
so

 fast that suddenly she couldn't even 

fly  
hold  
speak

. For a moment she couldn't even 

have  
own  
see

.

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George said he gets the same **blinding jumping relaxing** headache when he drinks a chocolate **brush room shake** too fast. George was the first **all one them** I ever heard call it “brain **freeze lizard straw**.” When I first heard him say **it the us**, I laughed. But when it happened **as if to** me, it wasn’t so funny.

Since **then well with** I’ve asked lots of people if **now our they** ever get “brain freeze.” Almost everybody **eats has shuts** said yes.

Brain freeze or ice-cream **bicycles headaches weather** can result from eating any cold **chair food spot** or drink. Because of this, they **are put use** also called cold stimulus headaches. But what **causes serves sleeps** them?

Brain freeze occurs because we **have play talk** nerves inside our mouths. Nerves allow **he my us** to feel things such as heat, **book cold sky**, or

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pain. When you drink or eat  
fallsit something that is very cold, your  
cars  
nervestowns feel a shock. Also, the roof her  
ofuse your mouth can swell  
up and measure  
rethinksqueeze the nerves tight. This can lead if  
soto a big  
headache.

There are few cures  
dollsweeks for brain freeze. Some suggest that  
them  
whoyou can warm up the affected areas as  
oftoo your mouth. You do  
this by growing  
pressingshining your tongue against the roof of me  
thoseyour mouth.  
Some other people say that any  
noneyou should take another bite of ice  
cream  
fieldkitten to keep the area cold until and  
himthe pain passes. Yet others  
suggest breathing in  
offto through your mouth and out your nose  
ringroad.  
This helps bring warmer air into also  
sheyour mouth.

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Humans aren't the only animals **has**  
**of** experience brain  
**to**  
freeze. There is evidence **been**  
**have** cats, dogs, monkeys, and even  
**that**  
otters **can**  
**pay** experience brain freeze! However, it is unknown if  
**sell**  
animals respond to the cures the same way people do.





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## The West

Rosa was going out West with her mother by wagon train.

Her father had already gone by birdmoonship two years earlier. They were going butcallto join up with him there and answerbecomewonder farmers.

But Rosa hated to leave andherno friends in Connecticut. Also, she was aifto little worried that the people in herorthe West might not like her. She ateputwas afraid they might not like her duckfuelnap, Quirk, either.

She knew that some byofto the people who already lived in fromthewith West felt that the new people comingneedingreading out brought bad habits along with methemwhat. For example, some of the new flowerspeoplesounds tossed banana peels from their wagons hownearwhen they were done

Keep going ►

eating. This made **am  
if  
the** horses slip and fall, often with **after  
myself  
their** riders still on them.

Also, some **and  
for  
of** the new people spat out their **chewing  
looking  
running** gum into the bushes at the **cat  
dust  
side** of the trail. Then the gum **found  
meant  
stuck** to the paws of wild animals. **Color  
This  
Who** changed the animals' footprints and made **she  
them  
your** hard to track.

Making friends would **be  
make  
need** tricky. Rosa worried about this a **few  
lot  
no**. She also worried about whether Quirk **swam  
used  
would** like his new home. In Connecticut, **and  
down  
the** duck had a pen full of **grass  
ideas  
night**, a little house, and his own **brave  
rough  
small** pond. She didn't know what kind **a  
her  
of** space he would have in the West. **Hers  
She  
They** worried

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he would get lost in **again**  
**by**  
**the** evergreen forest. She worried she  
would **freeze**  
**think**  
**wander** into the tunnels of a silver **air**  
**mine**  
**wind** to look for him.

Rosa was **brief**  
**infinite**  
**silent** for most of the trip because **she**  
**them**  
**we**  
was so scared. But when they **closely**  
**finally**  
**motherly** arrived in the West, she  
found three **holidays**  
**mornings**  
**surprises** waiting for her.

First, her father **got**  
**had**  
**let** built a small house and a **jar**  
**pen**  
**web**  
for her duck, right next to **a**  
**for**  
**so** brook. Second, a little girl with  
**long**  
**quiet**  
**slow** braids sat on the stoop. Her **camp**  
**name**  
**throw** was Annie. She wanted  
to be Rosa's **basket**  
**friend**  
**music**. Third, Annie winked and offered Rosa **a**  
**it**  
**of**  
banana and a stick of gum.

Rosa **filled**  
**laughed**  
**wasted**. She took the stick of gum, **put**  
**sold**  
**used** it into her

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mouth, and happily **chewed** **helped** **soared** it. She held out her hand **and** **this** **you** said,  
 “Thanks, Annie. I like your **braids** **groups** **planets**. I’m sure we’ll be great  
 friends **but** **next** **out** here in the West. You can **return** **study** **teach** me how to track  
 wild animals **against** **besides** **through** the evergreen forest and how to **avoid** **giggle** **perform**  
 old silver mines with lots of **dark** **kind** **loud** tunnels in them. And now I’d  
 like to introduce you to my duck, Quirk.”





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## The Dinner Party

Nancy went with her family to the neighbors' house for dinner. When they arrived, the neighbors served coffee  
iced tea to  
solid  
the grown-ups and children. People  
Plates were also pickles, olives,  
There  
cheeses, and bricks  
crackers laid out on the table.  
folders

The father of the neighbors' family said they ate  
horse had  
kitten threw  
baked pasta for the main dish. It  
None would come out of the oven  
They  
never . He asked, "Did you bring the chair  
soon salad ?"  
when table

"Yes, we brought a beautiful salad," Nancy's dog  
hat said.  
mom  
"But, oh no! We forgot his  
lots dressing!" They had left the salad  
the

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container  
dressing  
neighbor

on the counter at home!

Nancy's

mom  
phone  
salad

sent Nancy back home to get

boxes  
his  
the

salad dressing. She crossed the street

light  
outside  
under

the neighbors'

house. On the other

field  
hand  
side

, she opened the gate to the

pink  
skinny  
tiny

playground that sat between two buildings

above  
short  
there

. She went

through the playground and

argued  
folded  
opened

the gate on the other side,

how  
some  
which

opened on an alley. In the

alley  
ocean  
salad

, she made her way

toward the

back  
side  
top

steps of her own house.

Suddenly,

far  
some  
there

was a loud crash! A metal

computer  
garbage  
railing

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can a few yards away had eaten  
tipped  
walked over on its side. There was

a  
if  
to sound of scrabbling and thumping from between  
during  
inside the can,

and it rolled from metal  
road  
side to side on the pavement. Then an  
his  
two

animal backed out of the can animal  
backside  
table first. For a moment,

Nancy thought it  
or  
the was a long-haired black cat. But a  
can  
it

didn't move like a cat. Could it  
some  
they be a raccoon?

No, it had a  
it  
or white stripe that ran along its back  
can  
shoe. And

now it was lifting its can  
home  
tail. It was a skunk!

Nancy tiptoed hungrily  
loudly  
quickly away from the skunk, trying not

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and  
had  
to

disturb the skunk more than it

already  
lightly  
sometimes

was. She

crossed the alley and

ate  
moved  
swam

toward the steps to her house,

but  
or  
with

she was still not very far

from  
into  
over

the skunk! She went up

the

rails  
steps  
walls

and let herself into the house

as  
for  
in

quickly as she

could. At last,

it  
she  
they

closed the door behind her.

She

grabbed  
kicked  
scraped

the jar of salad dressing off

over  
some  
the

kitchen

counter. When she left, she

ran  
sat  
used

the front door instead and ran

her  
on  
the

long way around to the neighbors'

boat  
house  
table

.

When Nancy came into the house

cheering  
eating  
panting

and holding

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the jar, her mother 

cleared  
exclaimed  
scratched

, “Wow, that was fast!” Then,

Nancy 

entertained  
questioned  
remembered

 everyone with the story of her 

far  
near  
red

 miss

with the skunk. They all agreed she had been very brave and  
  
clever.



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Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Record

It had been a long and rainy week. Jax and Sadie had been stuck about  
inside  
with their apartment with their dad the loose  
more  
whole time. They were incredibly bored. Sadie and  
no  
to Jax kept asking each other what cats  
some  
they could do for fun.

The way rain  
they  
we repeated the same words over and both  
into  
over sounded almost like a tune, so most  
their  
what dad strummed a few chords on his  
in  
top guitar and sang, “What can we do  
go  
work ? I’m so bored.”

Jax and Sadie frowned  
glued  
raised at him. It wasn’t funny. Boredom can  
is  
lays a serious problem.

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Their dad suggested that  
us  
what the two of them make an

album  
egg  
insect together.

“It’s too hard,” Jax complained.

“That’s  
Don’t  
We’ve your solution to everything,” Sadie said.

Dad drove  
ran  
said, “What if you write one song every  
guitar  
this day for  
a month? Then at an  
the  
your end, we’ll choose the best ones and  
just  
the  
record them together.”

Jax asked what guitar  
some  
they would write songs about.

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Their dad **got  
said  
tried** they could write about whatever they  
**liked  
told  
went** . They could write about what was **going  
making  
showing** on, whatever  
they were thinking about **and  
but  
did** feeling. That way they'd have a  
**book  
library  
record** of a special time in their **days  
lives  
songs** .

“Oh, Dad!” Sadie said.

But they **counted  
decided  
rescued** to try. Every day after lunch, **all  
the  
when**  
kids got together with a pencil **and  
for  
pen** a piece of paper. After  
coming **in  
over  
up** with an idea, they worked out **food  
lyrics  
noises** and a tune.  
It was hard **day  
time  
work** .

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In the end, they wrote twenty-eight **books poems songs** together. Then, their dad helped them **choose renew write** the best twelve. They recorded them **forever separate together** on their dad's equipment. Their dad **brought played raised** guitar, Sadie was on keyboard, Jax **baked made played** bongos, and they all three sang. **All Some Their** dad did the editing. Jax and Sadie **ate drew wrote** the album art and wrote down **for in the** titles of the tracks. Their dad **reversed suggested wondered** they call the record "Makin' the Most of It."

**How The With** songs were about all sorts of **capable different regular** things. One was about seeing a **pointy rigid scary** dog out in the yard. Another **knew said was** about how much Jax and Sadie **hated needed took** getting their hair washed.

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Another was **about  
but  
only** eating the best burrito in the **class  
place  
world**. That

one was Sadie's idea. Jax **came  
did  
rose** up with a song about what

**broke  
came  
would** happen if clouds were made of **home  
ice  
sand** cream. There

were other songs about **finding  
having  
losing** nightmares, hating homework,

learning to do **a  
but  
in** cartwheel in the living room, and Dad's

**best  
loose  
silent** bedtime stories.

They listened to the **album  
show  
thunder** a few times and shut it

**away  
close  
off**. It began to rain. Jax lay **on  
to  
with** the sofa. Sadie looked

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out at 

a  
if  
the

 falling rain and said: “What can 

it  
they  
we

 do now? I’m  
so bored.”





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## The Essay

The day before spring break, Mrs. Pearl gave Bobby's class an essay for homework. It was the first time that any  
she  
they had asked them to write an essay, and  
to  
yet Bobby and his classmates were nervous.

“I'll  
She'll  
They'll make this fairly simple,” she said. “Answer  
Choose  
Sort any topic you like and write a  
each  
for two-page report on that subject.”

It learned  
sounded  
taught easy enough. Bobby didn't know what he  
it  
to would write about, but he wasn't near  
over  
too worried. Someone in the

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class asked **back  
that  
when** the essay was due.

Mrs. Pearl **did  
said  
yelled**, “I’d like to see your papers **from  
on  
under**  
my desk the Monday we return.”

Bobby **barely  
quickly  
usually** counted that they had nine days, **even  
just  
which**  
seemed like plenty of time. Of **about  
course  
there**, he wouldn’t be able to  
start **right  
until  
went** away. Plans for this weekend had **been  
came  
gone** made.

After school, he was going **absolute  
backward  
straight** to his grandma’s  
house. She lived **and  
only  
that** two blocks from the school. He’d **plan  
raise  
spend**  
the weekend there, having fun, and **feeding  
helping  
playing** with yard work. The

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essay would be  
have  
know to wait until he returned home in  
on  
with

Monday. That still left him a full  
rough  
windy week to write the essay, if

able  
only  
that he could come up with an ache  
eagle  
idea.

When he arrived at his grandma's essay  
house  
school, she welcomed

him with a hug and  
for  
in a snack. While he was eating, it  
she  
they looked

into his eyes and asked how  
it  
what was on his mind. He shrugged

and  
over  
with shifted in his chair.

She said, “Only  
Some  
You know I can always tell when they're  
what's  
you're

worried about something.”

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He told her **about that with** the assignment, and she said it **argued sounded wandered** like a fun project. She asked **how like what** he wanted to write about. He **made went wrote** a sour face. Then he admitted **few he it** had absolutely no idea what to **cross look write** about.

The next day, after breakfast, **a each his** grandma walked him over to their **crazy local rainy** library. She said the library was **a my some** great place to learn new things **and than with** get ideas. When they got there, **and he she** asked the librarian to give Bobby **a in of** tour.

He had been to the **attic library movies** many times, but he always

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learned **new  
old  
worn** things he hadn't known. He knew **many  
some  
there** are lots

of comfy chairs where **a  
in  
the** person can sit and read and **ever  
not  
often** be

disturbed. He learned that there **are  
got  
see** large tables and small desks

where **each  
one  
those** can study or write notes. He **also  
or  
that** learned that all

the people who **eat  
spin  
work** there are very nice. They are **bitter  
grumpy  
happy** to

help you find whatever you're **hearing  
looking  
reaching** for, even when you

aren't sure **how  
that  
what** you're looking for. In the end, Bobby wrote his

essay about the library.



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## Atlas

Atlas is my Grandpa's dog. He looks enough like a wolf

for my that people always look twice when they back first very meet him. His fur is a brush mix treat of dark and light greys. He has is to two years old and weighs almost one hundred hairs pounds towers . That's more than I weigh!

Atlas is says sees a Husky, and Grandpa has trained him to you very well. Atlas has a loud bark cost foot that can be scary, but in house life truth he is gentle and friendly. He is pets uses sweetest with kids like me, but he it what likes everyone.

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He was born on a farm. The family that owns the dress farm wind breeds dogs. Every time a new litter noise pond is born, the family selects one and but or two puppies to keep for the farm ghost sky and sell the rest. Atlas' parents are find play both Huskies, and their parents were Huskies, again only too. The same is true for all and of with his ancestors. That makes Atlas what's heard known pleased as a full-blooded dog. Grandpa has all our the papers that prove Atlas is full-blooded. Just Little One of the papers even looks sort as of to like my own birth certificate. Grandpa fits looks says that many people make the mistake of like than thinking Atlas is a wolf. "It's nice sad well to have proof he's not

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a bark pole wolf for any nervous Nellies who come a from to visit,” he jokes.

Atlas is so close round sweet, I don’t see how anyone could forget mistake unroll him

for a wolf.

Atlas may be see use a very smart dog, but once he it you did the

silliest thing. Grandpa let him rest us off his leash to run loose and in with

the backyard, which is fenced in for how on all sides. It was a sunny

day farm hill, and glare hurts my grandpa’s eyes, also even so he went back

inside to get from his off sunglasses.

A minute later, when he came felt held out, Atlas was nowhere in

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sight. Grandpa contained  
laughed  
whistled. Atlas barked. Grandpa whistled again, and Atlas barked  
sang  
wished again. Then Grandpa looked up. He couldn't  
hadn't  
shouldn't believe his eyes. There, balanced on our  
still  
the branch of a tree, was Atlas. In  
On  
So another branch, several feet higher, was a  
its  
or cat. Somehow Atlas had climbed halfway by  
off  
up a tree chasing a cat. Now he  
that  
who was scared and stuck there.

Grandpa earned  
pulled  
read an old board from beneath the deck  
leash  
sea. It was a leftover piece of kitchen  
lumber  
window about ten feet long. He leaned and  
it  
on against the branch. The board was but  
only  
still about eight inches wide, but Atlas carried  
jogged  
managed to walk down it. Grandpa says he's

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pretty sure Atlas thinks twice before chasing cats now.



### Maze Adjusted Score

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