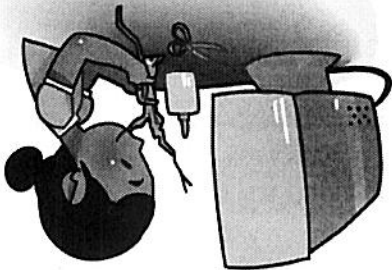


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craft drawer in the kitchen.

Amara clicked pause on the video and ran to the

"What are you doing?" Amara asked her.

"I need supplies to make this doll tree house I saw online," Amara said, digging through the drawer and taking out the glue stick, scissors, ribbon, and popsicle sticks.

"You're making a tree house for your dolls?" Amara asked.

"Yeah, there's a step-by-step tutorial online. It shouldn't be too hard to do," Amara

took her supplies and headed back to the computer in the living room. She pressed play on the video and tried to keep up with the woman on the screen as she assembled the tree house.

Amara watched over Amara's shoulder. "This looks pretty tough, Amara. Don't be upset if your tree house doesn't come out exactly like that one."

"Why wouldn't it? I'm following the directions." Amara kept working.

"Okay. Let me know if you want any help."

"I've got this," Amara insisted.

Amara shrugged and left the room.

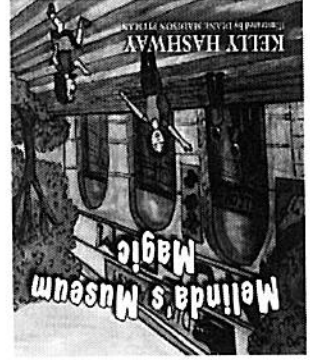
Two hours later, Amara stared at her tree house. "I don't get it."

"What?" Amara asked, walking back into the living room.

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## About the Author

"I did everything the woman said, but my tree house isn't as smooth as hers. There's this bump here, and the newspaper left wrinkles on this side." Amara slumped back on the couch. "I wasted my afternoon for nothing."

Amelia leaned down, examining the tree house. "What if you drew some lines here to make these wrinkles look like tree bark? And this bump could be a knot in the tree."

"But the tutorial didn't show either of those things," Amara complained.

"So? Why does your tree house have to be exactly the same? Make it unique. I bet you can come up with a few ideas that lady didn't even think of." Amelia smiled at Amara.

Amara cocked her head at the tree house. "Maybe I could hollow that bump out and put an owl in the hole."

"That would be awesome," Amelia said. "See, sometimes design flaws lead to more creative things."

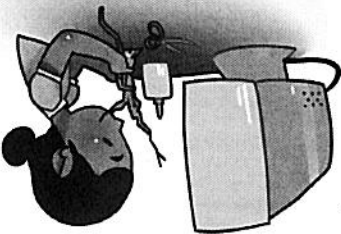
"And if I make vines down this side, it would cover the wrinkles and give my dolls something to swing on. It can be a jungle tree house," Amara said. She smiled at her sister.

"You're right, Amelia. I'm glad my tree house didn't come out like the one in the video. It's better."

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1. What is Amara making?

- a. a tree house for her friends
- b. a tree house for her doll
- c. a fort to play in
- d. a dog house

2. Where did Amara learn how to make her project?

- a. her sister Amelia
- b. a book
- c. an instruction manual
- d. an online tutorial

3. Circle three words that describe how Amara was feeling after working on her project for two hours.

happy	frustrated	upset	proud
annoyed	excited	worried	cheerful

4. Why did Amara feel that she wasted her afternoon?

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5. How did Amelia help to change Amara's attitude about her project? What happened as a result of this?

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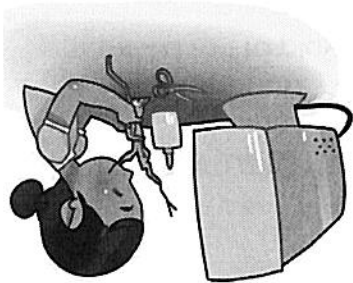
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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.



a. raised and lowered your shoulders

b. looking closely or carefully

c. very special or unusual

d. having nothing inside

e. sat or leaned in a bent over position

f. connected or put together parts of something

g. step-by-step process that teaches a person how to do something

1. \_\_\_\_\_ slumped

2. \_\_\_\_\_ unique

3. \_\_\_\_\_ assembled

4. \_\_\_\_\_ tutorial

5. \_\_\_\_\_ examining

6. \_\_\_\_\_ shrugged

7. \_\_\_\_\_ hollow

❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

Willie sat in front of the TV while a storm raged outside his house. The wind howled, the rain came down in buckets, and thunder boomed loudly. The high winds knocked down a huge oak tree down the street. The tree fell on top of the street's power line, cutting the electricity to Willie's house. Willie found a flashlight and turned it on.

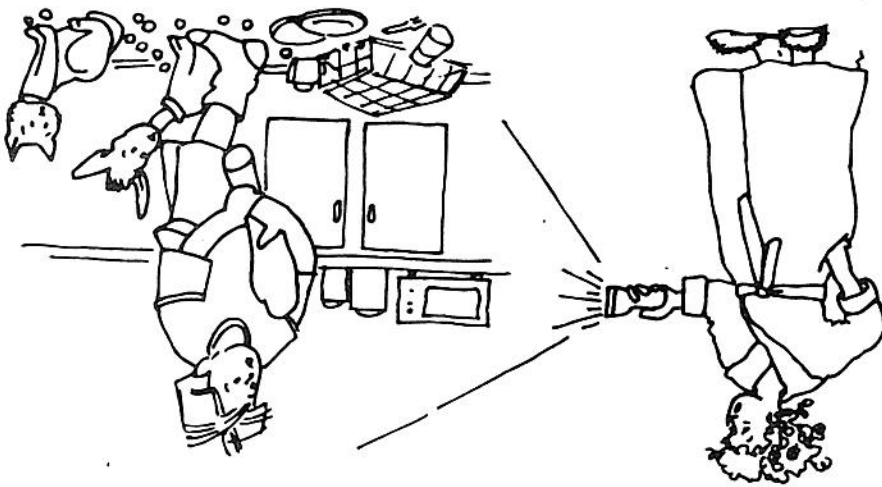
Willie shone the flashlight ahead of him as he walked down the hallway. As he entered the kitchen, the flashlight batteries died. The room became inky black. Willie ran into the wall and stubbed his toe. He hollered and jumped on one foot. He bumped into the table, which knocked over his marble jar. Marbles scattered all over the table and floor. Muttie, Willie's dog, jumped up at the noise and ran toward Willie's

voice. The dog skidded on the marbles. She flew across the floor into her dog dishes, spilling water and food everywhere.

Willie's cat, Kitty, was showered with water from the spilled dog dish. She jumped to the safety of the counter. She landed on the edge of a cookie sheet sticking out of the dish rack. The cookie sheet flipped over, taking the contents of the dish rack with it. The pots, plates, and silverware crashed to the floor, making an awful racket. One of the pans struck the flour canister. The flour puffed up, covering everything in white.

Willie's mother heard the noise and came running with another flashlight. Amazed, she walked into the kitchen and stopped. "What happened here?" she asked.

# The Storm



Cause and Effect

Name

Date

Cause	Effect
The storm blew down the oak tree.	
The house was dark.	
Kitty got wet.	
Muttsie jumped up.	
The pots, pans, and silverware fell.	
Willie stubbed his toe on the wall.	
Willie bumped into the table.	
The cookie sheet tipped over the dish rack.	
Muttsie skidded on the floor.	
The flour poofed up.	
	Mom came into the room.

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks of the cause and effect chart. Remember, an effect also be a cause for a new effect. The events are not in order.

## The Storm (cont.)



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

and Effect

## Cursive Writing Worksheets: Sentences

Write the sentences:

Welcome every morning with a smile.

No act of kindness is ever wasted.

Success is dependent on effort.

