

**PROMPT #2** | In paragraph 6, why does the author include the detail of Eddie using a block of wood? Support your answer with evidence from the text.



**INFERENCE ANSWER**

The author shows Eddie using a block of wood in order to protect the carpet while he “fixes” the lump.

**EVIDENCE**

Eddie got his “large hammer” and “approached the lump.”

**ELABORATION**

“Approach” **implies** that he was evaluating if a hammer was the best tool to solve his problem.

**ELABORATION**

**This suggests** that Eddie, who is a professional carpet layer, knows that

**EVIDENCE**

After thinking through the process, Eddie takes “a block of wood” and places it “on top of the lump” because he “didn’t want to damage the carpet itself.”

**ELABORATION**

**In other words**, he put the wood between the hammer head and the new carpet.

**ELABORATION**

**This is important** as the wood would take the beating of the hammer.

**ELABORATION**

**This causes** the lump to flatten out without the hammer actually touching the carpet.

**EXPLANATION**

Consequently, including the detail about the block of wood is key for Eddie to solve his problem without creating a new one.