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At the beginning of the school day, a new student named Henry was introduced to the class. He kept his head down and didn't look at any of the other students. A few boys said hi to him, but he still didn't look up. When it came time to do math, Mr. Walters, the teacher,

tried to work with him, but several other students needed help, too. Mr. Walters kept checking on him, but Henry kept his head down and didn't seem to know how to work the problems. Mr. Walters asked Anwar if he would share his math workbook and help Henry. After a few minutes of working together, Henry calmed down and started to work on the math problems. He was able to help Anwar solve some of the harder problems. Anwar told him how smart he was, and Henry smiled.

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What is the problem?



What did he/she try to do?



How was the problem solved?

Brian, Emily, and Steven were at Longwater Beach with their dad. All three kids were looking forward to their dad playing with them, but when they got there, he didn't. At first, they tried to build sand-castles, but the sand wasn't packing very well. After swimming for a while, they noticed that their dad was still dressed and hadn't changed into his swim trunks. They decided it would be fun to surprise him. They pretended to still be building sand castles. But they sat quietly in the sand with their buckets full of water and waited until he started to walk over to get changed. When he walked past, they jumped up and splashed water on him. Then their dad got his swim trunks on so they could all swim together.



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At the after-school basketball practice, Coach Kraft asked Jeremy to shoot a layup. On his first approach, he kept his eye on the hoop, missed the backboard, and the ball flew over the hoop. The coach told him to use the backboard. When he tried a second time, he shot short and missed even coming close to the hoop. His third turn in line wasn't much better. He could not hit the backboard. The ball skimmed the net each time, and other players in line moved past him. It seemed like everyone else was able to make a layup easily. They all seemed to be laughing at him. After dinner, Jeremy went out and shot baskets for an hour until he was sure he would be able to hit the shot—and the backboard—every time.



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On a cool fall evening, Alison and her two sisters went for a walk in the woods by their home. When they started out, all three were walking and having fun. Then Alison’s youngest sister, Clara, got tired and complained that she couldn’t walk any

more. Alison and her older sister Bridget tried to cheer Clara up by making funny noises that always made her laugh. But Clara kept on grumbling and started to cry. They didn’t know what to do to get Clara to keep walking to go back to the house. Maybe if they tried tickling her. But that made her even madder. Finally, Alison whispered into Bridget’s ear, “Why don’t we carry her?” So they both picked Clara up, which made her laugh, and then they put her down and she was able to walk back to their house.

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