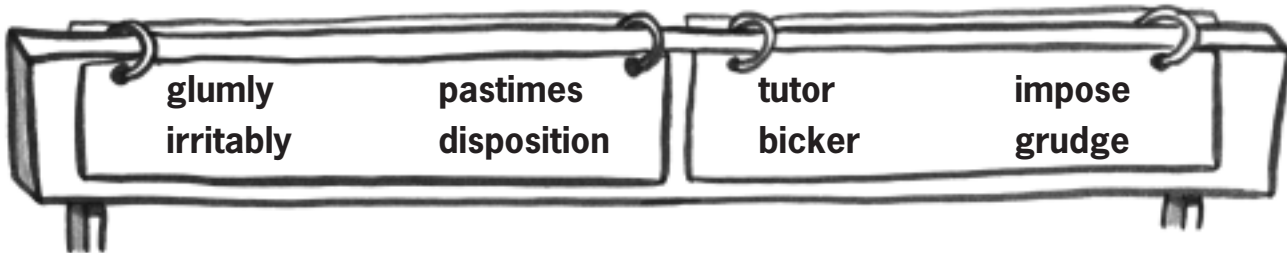


Name _____

► Choose the best Vocabulary Word to complete each sentence in the story.



Bill's friend was late. Bill felt disappointed as he sat waiting **(1) (impose, glumly)** _____ in front of the TV.

Just then his cousin Dave came in. He looked annoyed. "Two members of the Little League team have decided to take up soccer and tennis as their

(2) (pastimes, disposition) _____ instead of baseball," he said

(3) (irritably, bicker) _____. He asked Bill to play on the baseball team.

Bill began to **(4) (pastimes, bicker)** _____ with Dave and told him to leave him alone. His normally happy **(5) (disposition, glumly)**

_____ was clouded because he was upset that his friend was late. Dave saw that Bill was in a bad mood. He didn't want to **(6) (impose, tutor)** _____, so he left.

As he walked away, Dave felt he had better come to an understanding with Bill.

He didn't want a senseless **(7) (irritably, grudge)** _____ to build up between them that would carry bad feelings. So he went back inside and asked Bill if there was a problem he could help with. Bill told him about his friend being late. Dave replied, "We can fix that. When he arrives, we'll both

(8) (grudge, tutor) _____ him in how to tell time!"

Bill couldn't help but laugh.



Think of another story you have read that involves a family situation. Describe the story, using at least three Vocabulary Words.

- **Read the story. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question below.**

Derek wasn't sure he wanted his cousin Kyle to spend the summer with him and his family. Kyle didn't like dogs, and Derek loved his pet beagle. "I talk a lot, and he's so quiet. He likes to go to movies, and I don't. It's good that we both like to swim," Derek told Uncle Bill, "but I like to go out on your sailboat. Kyle doesn't know the first thing about sailing. We'll both enjoy eating the fish we catch, though."

"Both of you like to play soccer," Uncle Bill reminded Kyle. "You're both good at board games, too. I'll bet you'll have some fun together after all."

- 1 Which of the following sentences tells how Derek and Kyle are alike?

A They both like movies.
B They both talk a lot.
C They both like soccer.
D They both like sailing.

**Tip**

Read each answer choice carefully. Then reread the paragraph. Which answer choice describes what *both* boys like?

- 2 Which of the following activities is a pastime that only Kyle enjoys?

F going sailing
G talking a lot to his friends
H going to the movies
J spending time with his dog

**Tip**

Read each answer choice carefully. Then reread the paragraph. Remember that Derek is talking, so when the word *he* is used in the passage, it refers to Kyle. What does Kyle enjoy that Derek doesn't?

- 3 Which of the following sentences tells how Derek and Kyle are different?

A Kyle likes swimming, but Derek doesn't.
B Derek is good at board games, but Kyle isn't.
C Kyle likes soccer, but Derek doesn't.
D Derek likes dogs, but Kyle doesn't.

**Tip**

Read each answer choice carefully. Then reread the paragraph. Which answer choice describes what the boys *do not* have in common?

