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Graduation Party

By Kelly Hashway

Chris hauled the last folding chair up from the basement. He set it out on the deck and poured himself a glass of lemonade from the pitcher on the card table.

"Christopher, that's for the party," his mother said.

"But I'm thirsty."

"The caterers are on their way," Chris's mom said, practically running down the deck stairs. "I think we'll set up the gift table next to the refreshments. Chris could you get another card table from the basement?"

"After he helps me with this net," Dad



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muttering, "That better not be the caterers with another problem. That food was supposed to be delivered an hour ago."

Chris poured himself another glass of lemonade, figuring his mom was too preoccupied to notice.

"Chris!" Dad yelled from the backyard. "I need a hand with this net."

"Coming!" Chris tossed his cup in the garbage and headed down the steps to the backyard. Kurt's Mustang pulled into the driveway. Chris turned and glared at his brother. "Hey, Chris," Kurt said,

some boxes in the space under the stairs. He tried to push them aside but they were too heavy.

"I'll get it," Kurt said, coming up behind him.

"It's about time you did something."

"What's that about?" Kurt asked, looking hurt.

"This is your party. But I've been doing everything. And people are going to give you presents and money. What do I get? Nothing. I wasted my whole day setting up while you hung out with your friends."

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“You thought I was hanging out with my friends?”

“Weren't you?”

“No. I was working. I had to get a job to help pay for college. I've been mopping floors at the supermarket since five o'clock this morning.”

“Oh,” Chris said. Suddenly carrying

... a few tables and chairs didn't seem so bad. “There's still an hour until the party starts. You should relax. Take a nap or something.”

... “You don't mind helping with the set up while I nap?” Kurt asked.

... “No.” Chris smiled. “Happy graduation.”

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1. When does this story mostly take place?
 - a. at Chris and Kurt's house
 - b. at a park near Chris and Kurt's house
 - c. shortly before Chris's graduation party
 - d. shortly before Kurt's graduation party

2. Why was Chris upset with Kurt?



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4. Which job **didn't** Chris's family have to do to prepare for the party?
 - a. cook food for the party
 - b. bring tables and chairs from the basement
 - c. put up a volleyball net
 - d. make lemonade for the party

5. If Kurt left the supermarket at 1:00 pm, how many hours was he working? _____

6. Place the events in order. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line.
Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. ___ a ___ e ___ e n ___

hint: synonym for cellar

2. ___ u ___ t ___ i n



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hint: type of sports car made by Ford

5. ___ a t ___ ___ e ___ s

hint: people who are hired to prepare food

6. ___ u ___ ___ ___ a r ___ e t

hint: large grocery store

7. ___ ___ ___ d u ___ ___ ___ n

hint: celebration to honor a student who has finished high school or college

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In the article, "Graduation Party", Kurt got a job at a supermarket to earn money to pay for college.

Write a paragraph in which you describe four different jobs at a supermarket. Give the name of each job and tell what a person holding the job does.



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7. g r a d u a t i o n graduation

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