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Ethan groaned as Kyle stepped off the bus and hurried to catch up with him. Having Kyle for a neighbor was like having a permanent shadow.



"What are you doing this afternoon?" Kyle asked.

"I'm skateboarding with Mason." Ethan picked up his pace, hoping Kyle would take

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"Kyle won't leave me alone. Everywhere I look, there he is. He just invited himself to go skateboarding with Mason and me. Can you believe that?"

"Hmm," Spencer said. "Come here. I want to show you something." Spencer led Ethan into the living room and to the photo album their mother kept on the coffee table. He opened it and pointed to a picture. "See this?"

Ethan nodded. "Yeah, that's from when we went bowling with your friend Brian."

"And this picture of us at the water park," Spencer said. "Remember that?"

"Yeah, you won tickets at the summer carnival."

"Right. Check out the rest of the page," Spencer said. "Do you notice anything about all the pictures?"

Ethan scanned the photos. "Yeah, we had a lot of fun that summer."

Spencer sighed. "That was the summer before Mason moved to town. You tagged along with me and my friends everywhere we went."

"I did?" Ethan furrowed his brow as he thought back to that summer. "Wait, so you didn't really want me around?"



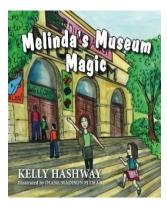
Ethan thought for a moment. "Tim's kind of quiet at school. I bet he'd love a new friend."

"Then call Tim and invite him along. He and Kyle might hit it off."

"Yeah, and if they don't, you can never have too many friends, right?" Ethan asked.

"Right, little bro."

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1. What did Ethan mean when he said:

"Having Kyle for a neighbor was like having a permanent shadow."

2.



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3.

4. In the end, how did Ethan try to solve his problem?

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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. a rate of movement



2.

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3.

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5. ____ pace

e. moved the head up and down

6. nodded

f. to complain or object

7. _____ sighed

- g. never ending; everlasting
- ♦ Now try this: Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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In the story, "Shadow," Ethan was upset that Kyle always followed him around. However, with the help of his brother Ethan learned an important lesson about showing compassion, or kindness to others. Sometimes, people just need a friend.





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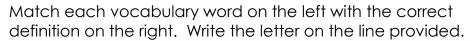
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