

The Runaway Pancake



Read the passage then answer the questions.



Liam loved pancakes. One Saturday, he decided to **flip one in the air** like a professional chef.

He tossed it up, but instead of landing in the pan, the pancake **soared out the window!**

Liam ran outside just in time to see a **dog snatch it up and run off**. He chased after the dog, calling, “Hey, that’s my breakfast!”

The dog dashed through the park and stopped near a bench where an **old man was feeding birds**. The man laughed. “Looks like he found a snack!”

Liam sighed but smiled as he patted the dog. He was still hungry, but at least someone enjoyed his pancake. He returned home, and this time, he flipped his pancake **carefully**—straight onto his plate.

Can you answer the questions?

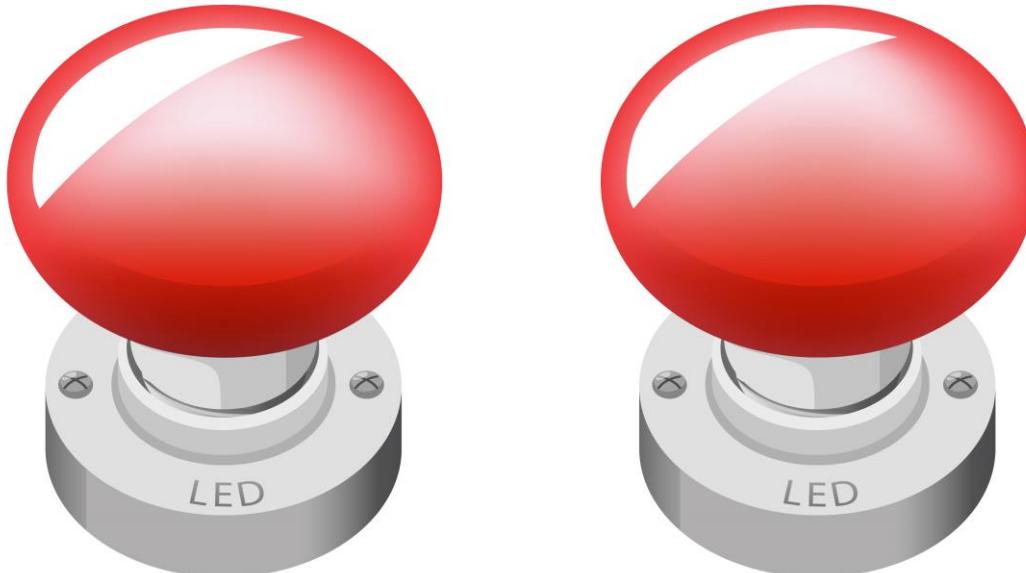
Why did Liam’s pancake go out the window?

What happened to the pancake after it landed outside?

How did Liam react when the dog took his pancake?

What did Liam do differently the second time he flipped his pancake?

The Mysterious Red Button



Read the information and then answer the questions.

Ella was playing in her grandma's attic when she found an **old wooden box** with a **big red button** inside.

“Don’t touch it!” her little brother Sam warned. “What if it does something crazy?”

Ella hesitated but then pressed it. Nothing happened. She pressed it again—still nothing.

Disappointed, she put the box back.

Later that night, there was a **loud thud** outside. Ella peeked out the window and gasped. A **giant, red balloon** was floating in the sky, with the words **“You pressed it!”** written on the side.

She turned to Sam. “Maybe it did do something after all.”

Where did Ella find the wooden box with the red button?

Why did Sam warn her not to press the button?

What happened later that night that surprised Ella?

What words were written on the balloon?



The Missing Homework



Jake always finished his homework, but today, it was **gone**. He searched his bag, under his desk, and in the kitchen. No sign of it. His teacher wouldn't believe him if he said, "*The dog ate it.*" But when he went outside, he saw something surprising—his **homework was in the garden**, covered in **paw prints**.

His puppy, Max, was chewing the corner of the paper!

Jake groaned. "Max, you really did eat my homework!"

At school, he handed in his **chewed-up** assignment. His teacher raised an eyebrow. "This is a first."

She sighed and gave him another copy. **This time, Jake kept it far away from Max.**

What did Jake realize about his missing homework?

How did he find out what happened to it?

What was funny about Jake's excuse for not having his homework?

How did the teacher react when Jake handed in the chewed-up paper?

The Library Secret



Sofia loved books. One day, while reading in the library, she noticed an **old book with a golden lock** on it.

She asked the librarian, “What’s inside?”

The librarian smiled mysteriously. “No one knows. The key was lost years ago.”

Determined, Sofia **searched every bookshelf**. Finally, behind a dusty atlas, she found **a tiny golden key**.

Her heart raced as she unlocked the book. Inside were **handwritten stories** from people who had visited the library over **100 years ago**.

The librarian gasped. “You found the lost book of stories!”

Sofia grinned. Now she had **a new adventure**—reading them all.

What was unusual about the book that Sofia found?

Why couldn’t anyone open the book?

How did Sofia finally open it?

What was inside the book?

The Balloon Chase



Ben's little sister, Daisy, loved balloons. At the fair, she got a **big red one**.

"Hold on tight," Ben warned.

But a strong gust of wind **snatched the balloon from her hands!**

Daisy's eyes filled with tears.

Ben **ran after it**, dodging people, jumping over benches, and **chasing it down the street**. Finally, it got stuck on a **tree branch**.

Ben carefully climbed up and grabbed it. When he handed it back, Daisy **hugged him tightly**.

"Best big brother ever," she whispered.

What happened to Daisy's balloon at the fair?

Why did Ben chase after it?

Where did the balloon finally get stuck?

How did Daisy react when Ben gave it back to her?

The Stray Kitten



Read the information and then answer the questions.

Mia was walking home from school when she heard a **tiny meow**. She followed the sound to find a **small, shivering kitten** under a bench. She looked around. No one was there.

Carefully, she picked it up and carried it home. “Mum, can we keep it?” she asked.

Her mum smiled. “First, let’s check if it has an owner.”

They made posters, but no one called. A week later, Mia’s mum said, **“Looks like she’s yours now.”**

Mia hugged her new kitten. “Welcome home, Whiskers.”

Where did Mia find the kitten?

What did she do after taking the kitten home?

Why did they wait before deciding to keep the kitten?

What name did Mia give to the kitten?

The Best Prank



Read the information and then answer the questions.

Tom and Lucas loved playing pranks. One day, Lucas pretended to be **stuck in his locker**.

“Help!” he called. Tom rushed over and tried to pull the door open—when suddenly, **Lucas jumped out laughing!**

Tom **rolled his eyes**. “Very funny.”

The next day, Tom planned his **own** prank. He put a **fake spider** in Lucas’s lunchbox.

At lunchtime, Lucas **screamed so loud** the whole cafeteria turned to look.

Tom laughed. “Got you back!”

Lucas sighed. “Okay, okay—you win!”

What prank did Lucas play on Tom?

How did Tom react when Lucas jumped out of the locker?

What prank did Tom do to get revenge?

Who won the prank war in the end?



The Spilled Paint Disaster



Lena was painting a picture for art class. She carefully **mixed colors** to get the perfect shade of blue.

But just as she reached for her brush, her **elbow knocked over the paint jar**.

Bright blue paint spilled everywhere—her desk, her chair, even her shoes!

“Oh no!” she gasped.

Her teacher walked over. Lena expected her to be **angry**.

Instead, she smiled. “Well, Lena, I think you just created **modern art!**” The class **laughed**, and Lena felt a little better.

What was Lena doing before she knocked over the paint?

What happened when she spilled the paint?

How did Lena expect her teacher to react?

What did the teacher say instead?

The Midnight Snack Thief



Ethan woke up thirsty. As he walked past the kitchen, he saw a **shadowy figure** near the fridge.

A **burglar**?! He grabbed a broom and crept closer.

Suddenly, the fridge light flicked on.

It was his **dad**—eating cookies!

Ethan stared. “Dad?”

His dad froze, cookie in hand. “Uh... don’t tell Mum.”

Ethan laughed. “Only if you share.”

His dad sighed and **handed him a cookie**. “Deal.”

Why did Ethan wake up in the middle of the night?

What did Ethan think when he saw someone near the fridge?

Who was actually in the kitchen?

What deal did Ethan make with his dad?

The Broken Vase



Emma and her brother Jake were playing **indoor soccer**—even though Mum **told them not to**.

Jake kicked the ball hard, and **CRASH!**

Mum's favorite **glass vase** shattered on the floor.

They froze.

“What do we do?” Jake whispered.

Emma grabbed glue and tried **to fix it**, but it was a **disaster**.

When Mum came home, she saw the mess and sighed.

“I told you not to play inside,” she said.

Jake gulped. “Are we in trouble?”

Mum nodded. “Oh yes. But first—**you’re cleaning this up.**”

What rule did Emma and Jake break?

What happened when Jake kicked the ball too hard?

How did they try to fix the vase?

What did Mum say when she saw the mess?