

The Pop Quiz Blues

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It had been a long day at school. Kayla felt exhausted as she stepped off the school bus a few blocks from home. Her teacher had surprised the class today with a pop quiz in social studies and Kayla was worried that she hadn't done well because she hadn't studied at all. Now that school was over, she just wanted to go home and watch her favorite TV show. She walked slowly, looking at the ants running across the sidewalk below. But she didn't notice all the dark clouds gathering in the sky above her. Suddenly, she heard a dog barking up ahead. Her head snapped up just in time to see her best friend, Ryan, and his dog Jasper running towards her. Jasper jumped on Kayla, giving her a friendly lick on the chin. Kayla jerked her chin up to avoid getting more of Jasper's sloppy kisses. "Oh wow! It looks like it might rain!" remarked Kayla, finally noticing the clouds. Ryan nodded in agreement. "I'd better hurry home," he said, waving goodbye.

Kayla heard a clap of thunder in the distance and started walking faster. She turned the corner and saw her street just ahead. As she got closer, she noticed her mom's car parked outside. Kayla smiled as she realized that her mom must have come home early from work. She ran towards her front door and stepped inside just as the first few drops of rain began to fall. "You're lucky you didn't get wet out there!" her mom exclaimed as she flopped onto the soft, comfy couch. The smell of baking cookies drifted from the kitchen. Kayla's stomach began to grumble with hunger. Kayla pulled her favorite blanket over her shoulders and turned on the TV. Later, over cookies and milk, Kayla told her mom all about the quiz at school. "I guess you should get started on that social studies homework," her mom suggested. Kayla grinned and said, "Next time my teacher gives a quiz, I'll be ready!" Outside, the rain had stopped and the sun was shining through the clouds. Looking out the window, Kayla could see a brilliant rainbow stretching across the sky.

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1. Why did Kayla feel worried?

Answer: She hadn't studied for her quiz at all.

My answer is an example of: cause / effect

2. What made Kayla say, "Oh wow! It looks like it might rain!"?

Answer: She finally noticed the clouds.

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3. How did Kayla know her mom had come home early from work?

Answer: She noticed her mom's car parked outside.

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4. What happened when Kayla smelled cookies baking?

Answer: Her stomach began to grumble with hunger.

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5. Why should Kayla do her social studies homework?

Answer: So the next time her teacher gives a quiz, she'll be ready.

My answer is an example of: cause / effect