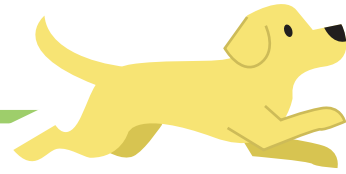


# Explain the Problem



**Directions:** Read each passage and underline the problem. Then, complete the sentence stem. Be sure to use past tense verbs as you explain the problem.

## Passage

1. When Jose opened his front door to go get the mail, his dog ran outside. The dog was a fast runner who liked to explore. He was down the street in the middle of the road, so Jose ran after him.

2. Kayleigh's nose was running and her head hurt. Her sister was sick at home, but Kayleigh still went to school. Right before lunch, she asked her teacher if she could go see the nurse.

3. Nelson poured himself a glass of milk in the kitchen. He spilled a little milk on the counter, so he wiped it up. When he picked up his glass, it slipped out of his hands and fell to the floor.

4. Sylvia played tag on the playground at recess. She ran fast to catch her friends and to run away from them. While she ran, she turned to find where her friends were and she ran right into a pole.

5. Raquel's town had heavy rain for two weeks straight. The ground was so soggy, and the ponds were full. The streets in her neighborhood flooded, and her family was stuck in the house.

6. Ari's mom and dad worked hard. His mom traveled a lot for work, and when she went away, he missed her. They would talk on the phone, but he still worried about her while she was gone.

## What Was the Problem?

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