

Father's Day

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Miguel hurried to his room after finishing his chores. Tomorrow was Father's Day, but he still hadn't completed Dad's gift. He'd used cardboard boxes and heavy-duty tape to make a set of shelves. Next, he'd used paint from the utility closet to color it brown. Now the paint was dried and the shelves left in the process was to be set up with Dad's tools to



He peeked out from his room and saw his dad. He didn't want Dad getting suspicious.

Miguel rounded the corner and saw his dad's workbench overflowing from a table.

With this shelf, he could store his tools for various projects. He

It took half an hour, but soon Miguel had arranged the hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, and cans of nails onto his cardboard shelves. The shelves were wobbly but they stayed upright.

When he was done, Miguel tiptoed back into the house. He would tell Dad about his gift first thing in the morning.

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He had the opportunity to pull

it out quickly. He didn't

think of it right. He hurried inside

to his dad's workbench and

to use tools for fixing

them to see it.

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The next day, Miguel jumped out of bed and raced into the kitchen. Mom and Dad sat at the kitchen table eating breakfast.

"Happy Father's Day!" Miguel said as he hugged Dad. "I made you a present. It's in the garage."

Dad returned the hug with a smile. "Thanks, Miguel. Why don't you show me?"

Miguel led him to the garage. He opened the door and flipped the light switch, then he gestured to the shelves with a grin.

But the wobbly boxes were destroyed on the floor.

Miguel's excitement faded.

He looked quiet. His smile stretched from ear to ear.

Miguel frowned.

"It's nothing wrong with me."

Miguel's disappointment took Dad's hand. "I'll help you fix those shelves. He

the night. The boxes laid

shelves," he said.

ed, but Dad's smile

That is, if you'll help

x those shelves. He

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1) In your own words, tell what this story is about.

2) Explain the meanings of the words, based on their usage in the story.

a) envisioned:

b) suspicious:

3) Re-read paragraphs and describe the actions and movements.

4) Miguel is not disappointed. Why do you think this is so?

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- 5) Do you think Miguel's gift was a very thoughtful one? Take hints from the story to support your answer.

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1) In your own words, tell what this story is about.

Answers may vary.

2) Explain the meanings of the words, based on their usage in the story.

a) envisioned:

Envisioned me

or the future.

b) suspicious:

Suspicious me

ling about

someone or so

3) Re-read paragraph movements.

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a surprise. So he

4) Miguel is not dis this is so?

elves. Why do you think

Answers will vary but may include something about feeling relieved that

Dad isn't disappointed, or happy that Dad likes his gift.

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5) Do you think Miguel's gift was a very thoughtful one? Take hints from the story to support your answer.

Yes, it was certainly a well thought-out gift as the author clearly describes how dad's tools were all overflowing from the toolbox and scattered around the floor. Having some shelves there was a great idea to organize the tools.

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