

Clean-Up Day

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Britta looked around Aunt Val's attic. Boxes were piled around the space in heaps. Dust coated the windowsills. Old books, magazines, and toys littered the floor.



Aunt Val had asked Britta over to help clean up the attic. When they were going to handle the china teacups and te

Britta took a deep breath. First, she would sweep first. Then, she would

Aunt Val started sorting what to throw away. Britta arranged the books against the far wall.

"Look at this," Aunt Val said. "This was me as a child." Britta hurried to her. She took the picture while sitting

Britta smiled, too. She liked old pictures.

When all the boxes were stacked, Britta sat down on an old rug. She went through a pile of old books.

The Little Mermaid, The Sleeping Princess, and Black Beauty.

These books were classics!

"Would you like to keep those?" Aunt Val asked.

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Britta smiled. "Yes, please." She set aside the books to take home later.

Once all the books were sorted, they arranged them on an old bookshelf. They put all the old toys inside a donation box, and they sorted the old magazines into the recycling bin.

Aunt Val climbed down the attic ladder. A minute later, she returned with a dust rag and mop. Britta dusted the windows while Aunt Val mopped the attic floor.

They surveyed their work. The attic was tidy and spacious.

"It looks a lot better now," Britta said.

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1) Describe how the attic looked before the cleaning began.

2) Arrange the events in order.

- a) The old magazines were thrown away.
- b) The books were put on the shelves.
- c) The old toys were put in the donation box.

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3) Sort the details into the correct boxes.

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4) Match each item to where it was put.

- a) toys • • shelf
- b) magazines • • donation box
- c) books • • recycling bin

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5) Which word in the text means “very large”?

Aunt Val said, “This was me and your mom when we were little.” Aunt Val and Mom smiled for the picture while sitting on a giant swing.

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