

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 help

china teacups and teapots

Britta took a deep breath

First, she would sweep

first. Then, she would

Aunt Val started

what to throw away.

Britta arranged

far wall.

"Look at this,"

"This was me and

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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decide what to keep and

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ta hurried to her.

and Mom smiled for

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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.

Aunt Val smile

They went do

Britta set out the chi

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books.

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and start on her new

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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 put on the shelf.
- b) The books were put in the donation box.
- c) The old toys were put in the recycling bin.

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3) Sort the details into the correct boxes.

heaps of books, a hot cup of tea

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

The attic was a huge mess with boxes piled around the space in heaps.

Windowsills were coated with dust, and the floor was littered with old books, magazines, and toys.

2) Arrange the events in order.

a) The old magazines were put on the shelf.

b) The books were put on the shelf.

c) The old toys were put in the recycling bin.

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3) Sort the details into the correct boxes.

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a hot cup of tea

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old magazines and toys	

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| 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.

The word “giant” is an adjective meaning “very large”.

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