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# Nothing To Do

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"There's nothing to do," Marcus complained.

His older sister, Emma looked up from her desk.

"I wish I could say the same. I have lots of hard homework, including this story I'm trying to write for English class."



"I had homework

"Lucky you." Emma

"No, not lucky

"That's still better

"No it isn't." Marcus

what I did after my homework

"What?" Emma

"I cleaned my

"That's nice."

Marcus scowled. "No it's not. Now I don't have any chores to do either."

"Hmm."

"Is that all you have to say?"

Emma stopped writing and frowned at her paper. "I'm sorry, Marcus. But I'm kind of busy. Maybe Mom or Dad can give you more chores."

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"Nope," Marcus said. "They told me to spend the rest of the day having fun."

"So why aren't you?" asked Emma with a sigh.

"Because how can I have fun when there's nothing to do?"

"Read a book."

"I've read all my books."

"Call a friend."

"I did. Josh can't do anything to do."

both have too much

"Maybe you can."

"I tried that. I had to wait for me to scratch."

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did was roll over and even snoring!"

"Hmm. Maybe I should crumpled up her first worksheet."

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for my story!" Emma said quickly.

"It's not fair you did that."

said.

Emma kept writing.

"Even TV was boring. The good cartoons were over."

"Good," Emma said. "Real good."

"What do you mean good?" Marcus said. "That's not good. I even tried shooting hoops outside, but I couldn't make anything but lay-ups. And now... Why are you grinning at me?"

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Emma set her pencil down. "Because you've done an awful lot for someone with nothing to do."

"I have?"

"Sure. You did homework, cleaned your room, swept the patio, phoned your friends, tried to play with Chester, shot hoops and more."

Marcus thought a moment. "You're right. I did do lots of stuff. And now I'm doing something else. I'm talking to you."

"You sure are,"  
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better than the story

"Really?"

"Yep."

"Wow!" Marcus  
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4) How did talking

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**friends, tries to**

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3) What is the story about?

**The story is about**

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4) How did talking to Emma help Marcus?

**Emma got a book for Marcus.**

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**write about Marcus.**

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**Answers may vary.**

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