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# Graduation Party

by Kelly Hashway

Chris hauled the last folding chair up from the basement. He set it out on the deck and poured himself a glass of lemonade from the pitcher on the card table.

“Christopher, that’s for the party,” his mother said.

“But I’m thirsty.”

“Then get yourself a drink from the refrigerator. And when you’re done, your father needs help setting up the volleyball net.”

“Why isn’t Kurt helping?” Chris asked. “It’s his party. Why am I stuck doing all the work while he’s out with his friends.”

The phone rang and Mom ran inside muttering, “That better not be the caterers with another problem. That food was supposed to be delivered an hour ago.”

Chris poured himself another glass of lemonade, figuring his mom was too preoccupied to notice.



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stairs

card table from the basement?

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deck

other

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“After he helps me with this net,” Dad said.

“I’m going take a shower before the party,” Kurt said, heading inside.

Unbelievable, Chris thought. I’m doing all the work and he’s going to shower?

Chris helped his father with the volleyball net and then searched the basement for another table. He spotted one behind some boxes in the space under the stairs. He tried to

push them aside but they were too heavy.

"I'll get it," Kurt said, coming up behind him.

"It's about time you did something."

"What's that about?" Kurt asked, looking hurt.

"This is your party. But I've been doing everything. And people are going to give you presents and money. What do I get?"



Nothing  
your



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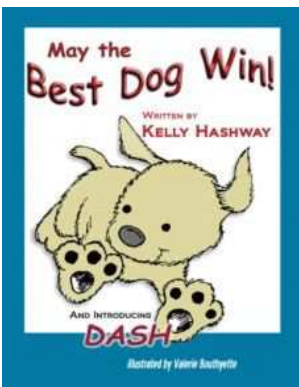
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"Oh," Chris said. Suddenly carrying a few tables and chairs didn't seem so bad. "There's still an hour until the party starts. You should relax. Take a nap or something."

"You don't mind helping with the set up while I nap?" Kurt asked.

"No." Chris smiled. "Happy graduation."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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- a. at Chris and Kurt's house
  - b. at a park near Chris and Kurt's house
  - c. shortly before Chris' graduation party
  - d. shortly before Kurt's graduation party

2. Why was Chris upset with Kurt?
- \_\_\_\_\_

3.  **PREVIEW**  
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4. Which job **didn't** Chris' family have to do to prepare for the party?
- a. cook food for the party
  - b. bring tables and chairs from the basement
  - c. put up a volleyball net
  - d. make lemonade for the party

5. If Kurt left the supermarket at 1:00 pm, how many hours was he working? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Place the events in order. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The phone rang and Mom answered it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chris brought up the folding chairs from the basement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kurt left home to go to the supermarket.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kurt takes a nap.

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## Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



1. \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ e n \_\_\_

**hint:** synonym for cellar

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_ u \_\_\_ t \_\_\_ \_\_\_ i n \_\_\_

**hint:** speaking in a low voice that is difficult to hear

\_\_\_\_\_

3.



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4.

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_ a t \_\_\_ \_\_\_ e \_\_\_ s

**hint:** people who are hired to prepare food

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6. \_\_\_ u \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ a r \_\_\_ e t

**hint:** large grocery store

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7. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ d u \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ n

**hint:** celebration to honor a student who has finished high school or college

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In the article, "Graduation Party", Kurt got a job at a supermarket to earn money to pay for college.

Write a paragraph in which you describe four different jobs at a supermarket. Give the name of each job and tell what a person holding the job does.

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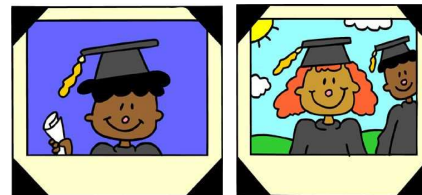
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1. b a s e m e n t

basement

2.

3.

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