

Nick's mom says to Nick, "Close your eyes." Everyone is very quiet. The only noise is the wind and thunder outside. Nick is excited about his surprise.



Suddenly, there's a knock on the door. Everyone looks surprised. Who is outside in this storm? Nick's grandpa goes to open the door. Nick is still sitting on the sofa with his eyes closed.



Nick hears the door open and someone comes in. Nick doesn't hear any voices, just footsteps. Nick is very curious now. He wants to open his eyes. Then his [redacted] other says, "Open your eyes, Nick!"



Nick opens his eyes. Suddenly, the lights turn back on—just like magic! Everyone is amazed. Nick's father is standing there. Nick runs to hug his father. His father hugs him hard. Birthday wishes can come true!

2 Read and number the sentences in order.

- ☐ The lights turn back on.
- ☐ There's a knock on the door.
- ☐ Nick closes his eyes.
- ☐ Nick hugs his father.
- ☐ Nick opens his eyes.

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