

**Match words 1-5 with the definitions (a-e)**

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| 1. throw a wet blanket on one's dreams | a. a nervous habit, often as a response to stress or anxiety. |
| 2. focus | b. the ability to make decisions and act on one's own without being controlled by others or outside forces. |
| 3. bite nails | c. the act of paying attention to something with concentration in order to achieve a specific goal or outcome. |
| 4. to jinx | d. to bring bad luck or misfortune upon oneself or others, often unintentionally. |
| 5. independence | e. to discourage someone from pursuing their goals or aspirations, often through negative comments or actions. |

Read the text

Once upon a time, in the wacky town of Whimsyville, there lived a determined and independent young inventor named Amelia. Amelia had an extraordinary knack for focusing on her dreams and turning wild ideas into reality. However, there was one thing that always threatened to throw a wet blanket on her aspirations - her uncanny ability to jinx things.

Amelia had a dream of creating the world's most advanced, all-in-one breakfast-making machine. She spent countless hours in her cluttered workshop, tinkering with gears, springs, and toast-flipping contraptions. She was tantalizingly close to completing her invention when, as luck would have it, she would bite her nails in anxious anticipation, unknowingly setting off a series of comical misfortunes.

One sunny morning, with her contraption nearly perfected, Amelia invited her family and friends to witness its grand unveiling. As the crowd gathered around, Amelia proudly prepared to showcase her masterpiece. However, as she raised her finger to press the "Start" button, her nerves got the best of her, and she bit her nail, unknowingly activating an unexpected chain reaction.

The all-in-one breakfast-making machine sprang to life, but instead of flawlessly toasting bread, frying eggs, and brewing coffee, it went haywire. Toast flew across the room like tiny missiles, eggs cracked against the ceiling, and coffee sprayed in all directions. The crowd gasped in disbelief as they dodged breakfast-themed projectiles.

Amelia's face turned beet red with embarrassment as she desperately tried to regain control of her creation. Amidst the chaos, her cousin, Benny, couldn't resist blurting out, "Wow, Amelia, you really know how to jinx a breakfast!"

With a mix of frustration and determination, Amelia rallied her focus. She darted through the flurry of flying food, dodging eggs and flipping toast mid-air. She skillfully reprogrammed the machine, utilizing her inventor's ingenuity to transform the breakfast disaster into a marvelous spectacle.

The machine's mishaps became part of the show. Toasts catapulted onto plates with perfect precision, eggs danced in mid-air, frying themselves to perfection, and coffee cups soared gracefully into waiting hands. The chaos had transformed into a breakfast symphony, and the crowd erupted in laughter and applause.

Amelia's jinx had unwittingly created an entirely new breakfast experience that left everyone in stitches. The crowd adored the unpredictable entertainment and couldn't get enough of Amelia's quirky inventions.

From that day forward, Amelia embraced her jinx with pride. She became a renowned inventor, celebrated for her innovative contraptions that always had an unexpected twist. Her workshops were filled with laughter as she transformed her supposed misfortunes into hilarious successes.

And so, Amelia's story taught us that even when life seems to throw a wet blanket on our dreams, we can find the humor and turn things around. It's the combination of independence, focus, and a little bit of jinx that can create the most remarkable and unforgettable adventures.

Put in T (True) or F (False)

1. Amelia was a young inventor who lived in the town of Whimsyville.
2. Amelia was not good at turning her wild ideas into reality.
3. Amelia's dream was to create the world's most advanced, all-in-one breakfast-making machine.
4. Amelia's invention worked perfectly during its grand unveiling.
5. Amelia's cousin, Benny, was impressed with her invention.
6. Amelia's jinx caused the breakfast-making machine to go haywire.
7. Amelia was embarrassed by the mishaps of her invention.
8. Amelia was able to regain control of her creation and transform the breakfast disaster into a marvelous spectacle.
9. The crowd was disappointed with the breakfast-making machine's mishaps.
10. Amelia's jinx made her a renowned inventor celebrated for her innovative contraptions.

