

Match the words with their meaning:

shampoo	a large long-handled spoon with a cup-shaped bowl, used for serving soup, <u>stew</u> , or sauce.
alphabet	a partially dried <u>grape</u> .
ladle	a mischievous or malicious person who plays tricks, practical jokes, etc., at the expense of another.
raisin	a liquid preparation containing <u>detergent</u> or soap for washing the hair.
squeaky	a set of letters or symbols in a fixed order, used to represent the basic sounds of a language; in particular, the set of letters from A to Z.
prankster	having or making a high-pitched sound such as that made by a mouse or a rusty hinge.

May the Best Prankster Win

When Perla found out she would be spending a few days at her grandparents' house, she squealed with excitement. Her grandpa was a real prankster. For several years, they had been in an intense prank war.



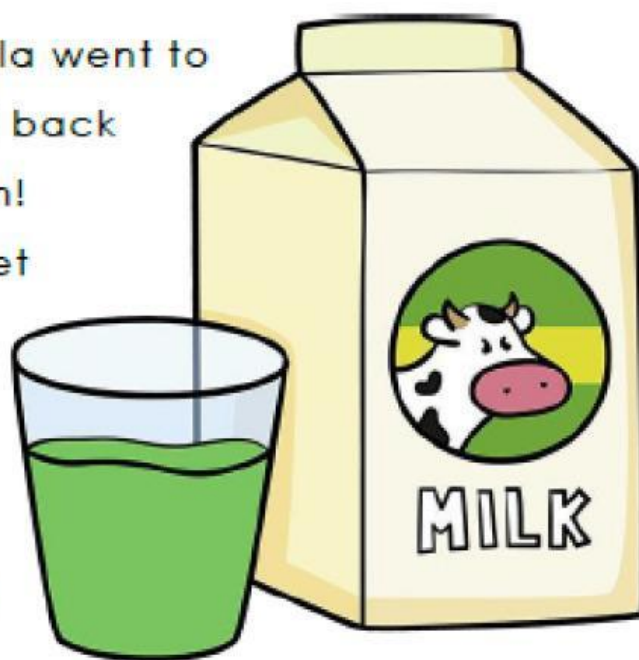
As soon as she arrived, Perla began plotting her first prank. The next morning, Grandpa sat down to eat his breakfast of Raisin Bran and orange juice as usual. When he went to take a bite, however, he noticed that his regular spoon had been replaced by a giant ladle! Even worse, all the raisins had disappeared from his cereal.

"Who took my raisins?!" Grandpa bellowed. He looked around and saw Perla hiding a few feet away. Pretending to be upset, he began to chase her around the house. After he caught her, he held her upside down over the table as she giggled. He pried the raisins from her fingers one by one until her palms were empty and the bowl was full. Then he sat down and ate his cereal using the big ladle.

Later that night, Perla found her favorite doll wrapped in toilet paper. It was sitting on her bed next to a sign that read, "I want my Mummy."

The next morning, Grandpa found plastic ants in his shampoo when he went to wash his hair.

That same day, after dinner, Perla went to pour a glass of milk and jumped back in shock when it came out green! Grandpa stood smiling a few feet away. He was holding a box of food coloring in his hand.

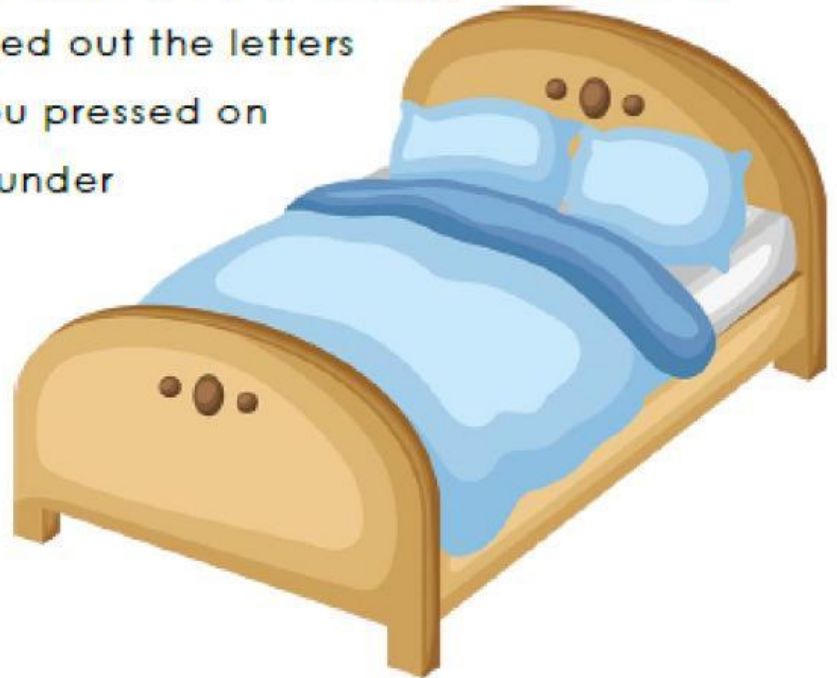


Several hours later, Perla woke up in the middle of the night to a loud squeal. She looked around, startled by the noise. Her heart was pounding hard. After a moment, though, she realized what had happened. Grandpa had placed a squeaky dog toy under her pillow.

Perla spent the next day trying to think of the perfect final prank. She would be leaving the next morning and needed something good. Finally, she had an idea.

She went to the closet where her old toys were kept and began digging. She pulled out several dolls and dress-up clothes before she found what she was looking for. It was a toy keyboard that sounded out the letters of the alphabet when you pressed on them. Smiling, she put it under Grandpa's pillow.

The next morning at breakfast, she asked Grandpa how he had slept. She smiled innocently.



Grandpa scowled, pretending to pout. He continued to eat his Raisin Bran, full of raisins this time, in silence.

Anxious to hear if her prank had worked, Perla turned to her grandmother. "Grandma, how did he sleep?"

"Oh, you wouldn't believe it!" Grandma hollered from the other side of the room. "He woke up at 2:00 am singing the ABC's!"

May the Best Prankster Win (exercises)

1. Short Answer.

a. What did Perla put in Grandpa's shampoo?

b. What color did Grandpa dye Perla's milk?

c. What did the sign say on Perla's doll?

d. What kind of cereal was Grandpa eating?

2. True (T) or False (F)? Circle the right answer. If the story does not say the answer, circle (X).

Grandpa wrapped Perla's doll in toilet paper.	T	F	X
Perla cried whenever Grandpa played a prank on her.	T	F	X
Perla arrived at her grandparents' house on a Friday.	T	F	X
Grandpa pretended to be mad about Perla's pranks.	T	F	X

3. Multiple Choice.

What was Grandpa doing when he woke up at 2 am?

- a. Dancing the Macarena
- b. Singing the Star-Spangled Banner
- c. Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Singing the ABCs

What did Grandpa put under Perla's pillow?

- a. A bowl of cereal.
- b. A dog.
- c. A squeaky dog toy.
- d. A toy keyboard.

What kind of juice did Grandpa drink with his cereal?

- a. Apple
- b. Orange
- c. Cranberry
- d. Prune

4. If you were going to play a prank on a family member, what would you do? (Remember that you do not want anyone to get hurt!)