

Reading Comprehension

Broken Leg

Broken Leg and Broken dreams
Want to go blow off some steam
Crutches, casts, and strong pain pills
But boredom is the one that kills.
Can't make my lunch or go to work
Though that one is a real nice perk
Six more weeks and I'll be free
Well first some physical therapy.
Let's go shopping or out to eat.
Though that would be a real nice treat,
I'm stuck at home lying in bed
With my leg elevated above my head
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Crutches, casts, and strong pain pills
But boredom is the thing that kills.
I wish I could do something more fun
Like play in the snow with the bright sun.
Have snow ball fights or ride a sled
But no, I am stuck inside in bed.
Plates and screws that stabilize
Cause pain and bring tears to my eyes.
Never again will I take a risk
That could bring me back to this.
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1. It can be inferred that a broken leg does not kill. According to the poet, what kills? [1]

2. Why was the poet given pills? Write your answer in a complete sentence. [1]

- 3a. Which **TWO** words best describe how the poet feels? Bubble in the letter of the correct answers. [2]

(a) enthusiastic

(b) angry

(c) frightened

(d) bored

3b. **Quote** the lines from the poem to support your answer.

[2]

4. Explain what is meant by the underlined word in the phrase: “ **with my leg elevated above my head**” ?

[1]

5. How long will it take for the poet to recover?

[1]

6. Complete the chart below by writing THREE effects that a broken leg had on the poet. [3]

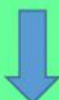
Cause: The poet had a broken leg.



Effect: _____



Effect: _____



Effect: _____



Passage 2: Hamster



Yesterday, after playing with my hamster on the floor, I put him back into his cage. But, I didn't close the lid tightly and he escaped. I didn't know he was loose until I saw something run by my feet. I jumped up quickly and hit the lamp on the table next to me. The lamp fell and crashed to the ground, making a loud noise. Soon, my dad was in the room upset that he was awoken from his nap. I walked over to apologize when I stopped just in time. My hamster was sitting in front of me, looking up, and smiling. I reached down to grab him, and he took off under the couch and into the kitchen. When I heard the scream, I knew my mom had seen my pet. She scooped him into a colander and popped him back into his cage. I tightly secured the top, and he was back in his home. I watched him play and thought for sure I saw him give me a little wink.

Cause	Effect
1. _____ _____	My hamster escaped.
2. _____ _____	I jumped up and hit the lamp.
3. The lamp crashed to the floor and made a loud noise.	_____ _____
4. _____ _____	The hamster ran into the kitchen.
5. _____ _____	My mom screamed.
6. _____ _____	I watched my pet play and thought I saw him wink at me.