

# A Brother's Trick

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Andrew and Douglas were brothers. And they were always playing tricks on one another.

One day after school they were eating frozen yogurt. Each one had a big dish.

"I'm fast," Douglas said.

"At what?" Andrew asked.

"Everything!" said Douglas. "Look at my dish. I'm about finished. But you have a lot left."

"I can eat fast too," Andrew grumbled.

"All right," Douglas said. "Let's race. Ready, set . . ."

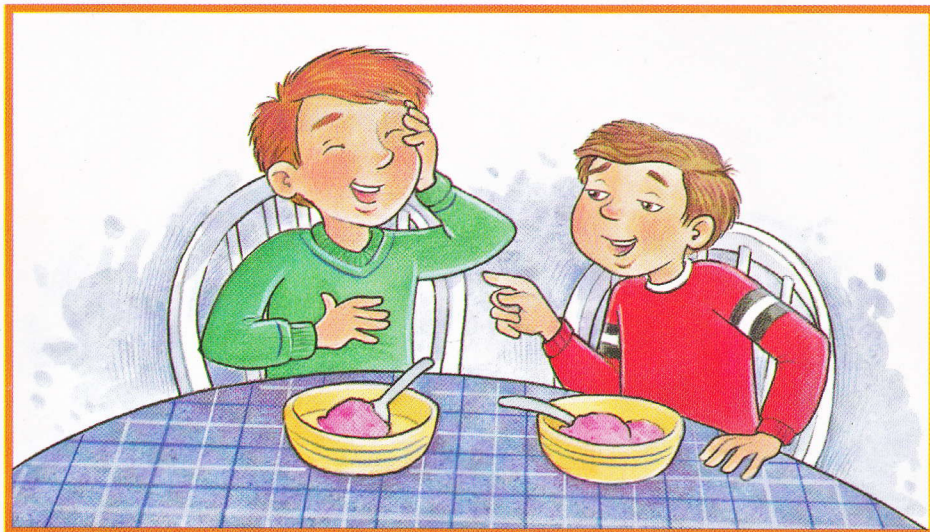
"Wait!" Andrew shouted. "You only have a little left, and I have a lot."

"Give me some of yours," said Douglas.

"That will make us even."

Andrew thought fast. Another trick!

"I'll eat some myself," said Andrew. "Then we'll begin the race."



## COMPREHENSION

**A** Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is another good name for this story?
  - a Ready, Set . . .
  - b Thinking Fast
- 2 Why did Douglas really want to race Andrew?
  - a Douglas liked to do everything fast.
  - b Douglas wanted Andrew's frozen yogurt.
- 3 How did Andrew know that Douglas was trying to trick him?
  - a Douglas asked for some of Andrew's frozen yogurt.
  - b Douglas told Andrew he was playing a trick.
- 4 How do you know that Andrew was not tricked?
  - a He saw that Douglas had a lot more frozen yogurt left.
  - b He said he would eat some of his own frozen yogurt first.
- 5 What will the boys most likely do next?
  - a The boys will each finish their own frozen yogurt.
  - b The boys will each get more frozen yogurt.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

**Words with o sound as in lot.**

**B**

Look at the words in the box. Decide which word has the 'o' sound as in lot. Then write the word below.

- |    |            |
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| 1. | got / go   |
|    | hoop / hot |
| 2. | one / cot  |
| 3. | open / pot |
| 4. | too / lot  |

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## LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

**C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

- 6 Andrew and Douglas \_\_\_\_\_ some frozen yogurt.
- 7 Mother boiled water in a big \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Frozen yogurt should be cold, not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Douglas had a little, but Andrew had a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Andrew shouted, "I'm sleeping on the \_\_\_\_\_ tonight!"

## THINK ABOUT IT

**D** Read each sentence. If the sentence tells why Douglas would have won the race, write *Yes*. If it does not tell why, write *No*.

- 1 Douglas ate quickly.
- 2 Douglas had a big dish.
- 3 Douglas had less frozen yogurt than Andrew when he said, "Let's race."
- 4 Andrew wanted to eat some frozen yogurt before the race began.
- 5 Douglas sat at a table.