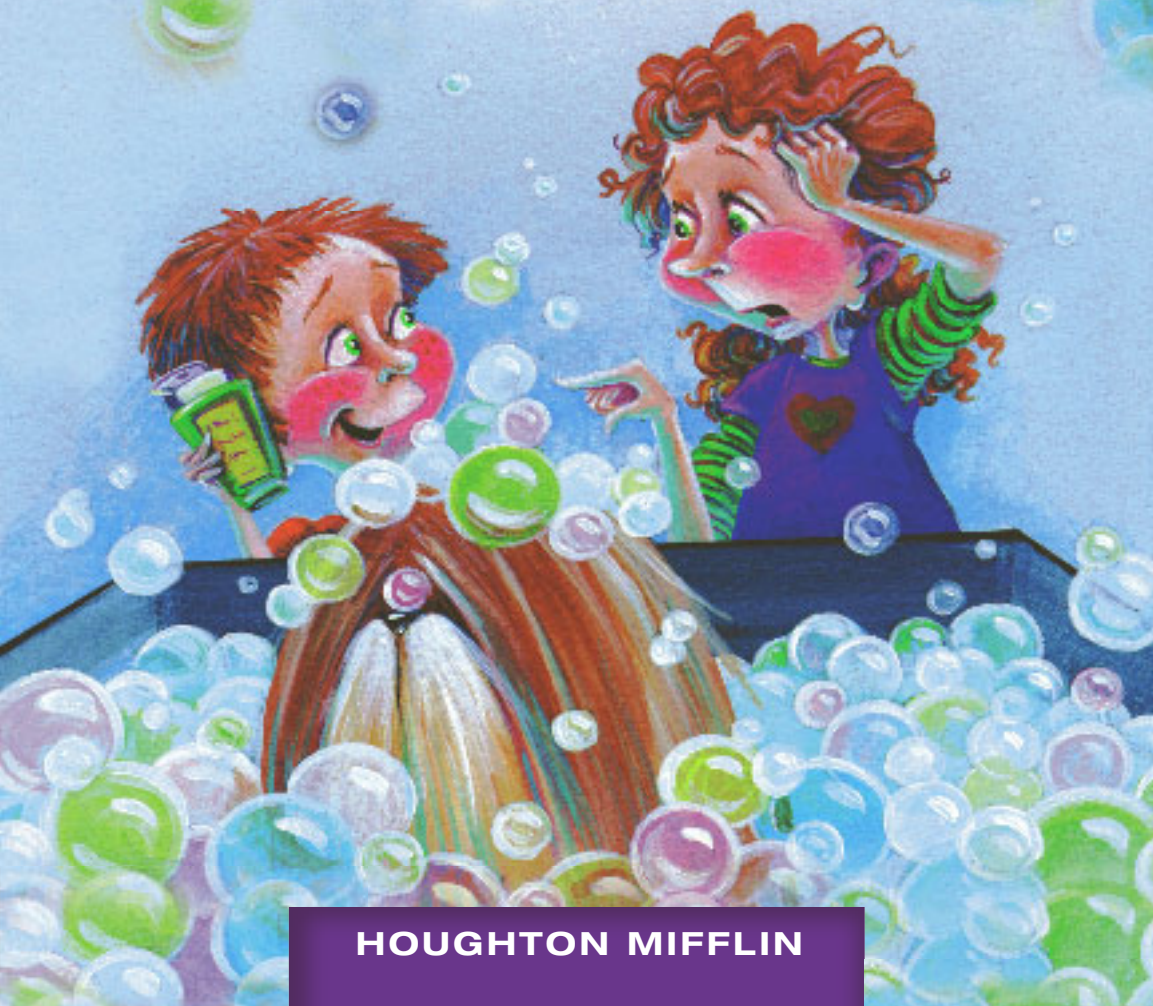




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🔊 People bring their pets to get washed at Mom's shop.

🔊 It was a holiday. We had the day off from school. That's why Mom brought us to her shop.

🔊 Mom has a shop that grooms pets. She washes dogs and cats, gives them haircuts, and makes them smell really nice.

🔊 I like to help Mom at her shop when I go there. There's just one problem. My little brother likes to help, too.

🔊 If you ask me, Tommy just gets in the way. But Mom never asks me what I think. She thinks brothers and sisters should always do things together.

🔊 Tommy and I helped Mom at her shop.

🔊 Mom

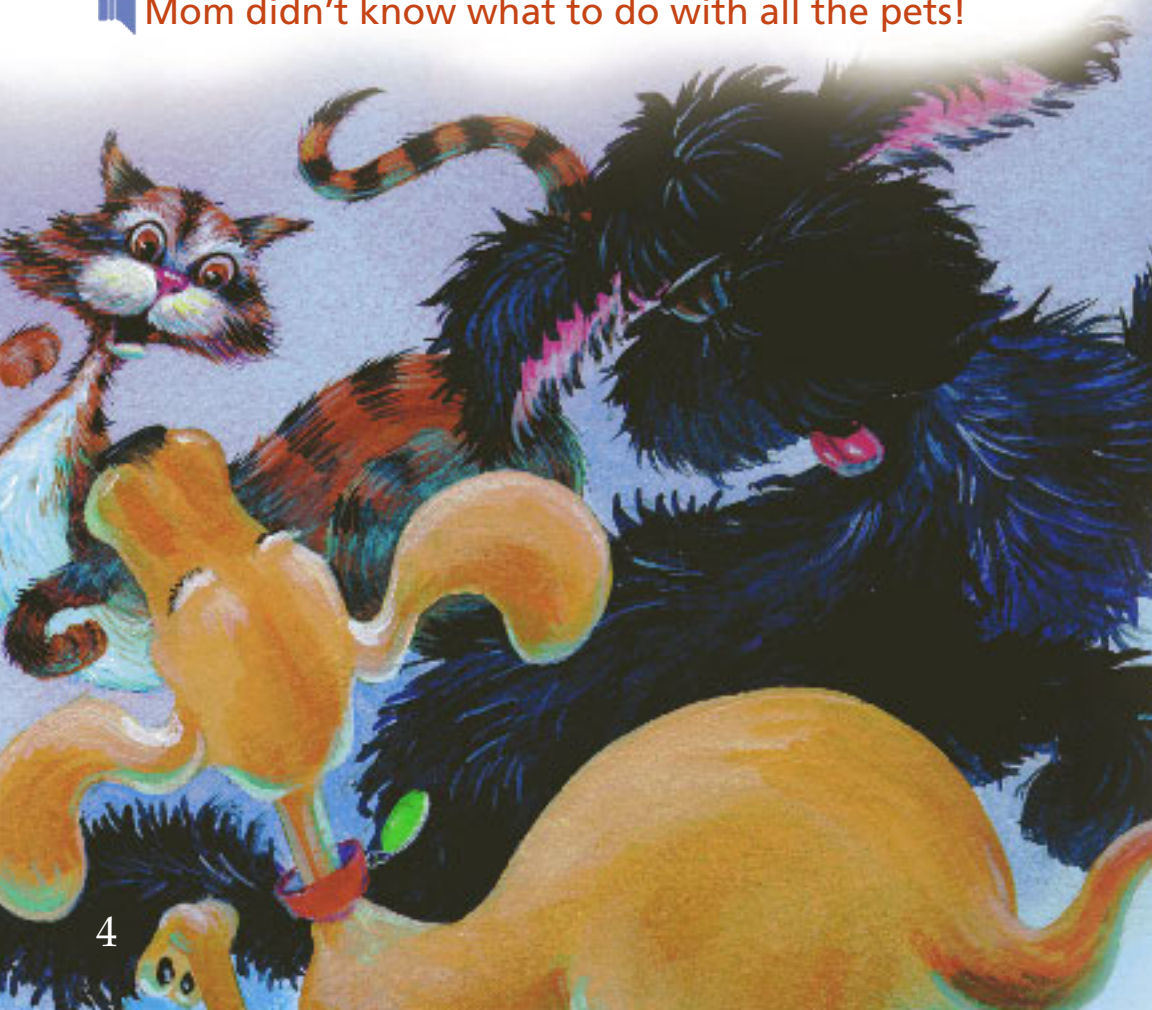
🔊 Me

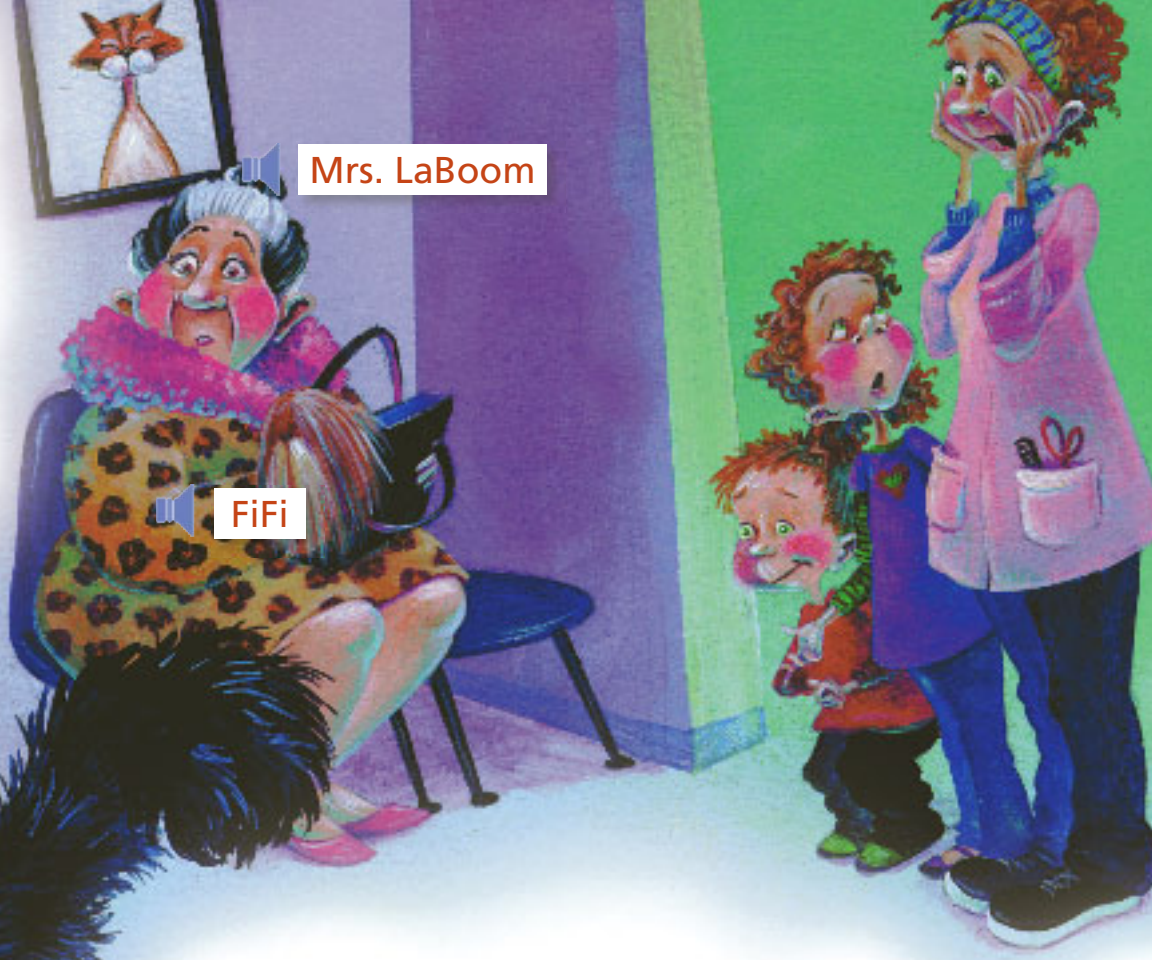
🔊 Tommy



🔊 So anyway, like it or not, I was at Mom's shop with Tommy that day. Things started out nice and quiet. Then lots of people started coming in at the same time. Suddenly, the shop was full of cats and dogs!

🔊 Mom didn't know what to do with all the pets!





Mrs. LaBoom

FiFi

“How am I going to deal with all these pets?” Mom cried **anxiously**.

“We can help, Mom,” I said. Then I looked at Tommy.

“Sure we can,” he said.

I started to worry.



🔊 Mom let Tommy and me take care of FiFi.

🔊 “Okay,” Mom said. “You and Tommy can take FiFi. Mrs. LaBoom wants her to have a shampoo. That shouldn’t be hard.”

🔊 I led FiFi to the sink. Tommy helped me lift her in. Then he turned on the water. “Not so cold!” I warned Tommy in a **cross** voice.

🔊 Tommy just smiled that smile he smiled whenever something bad was going to happen.



🔊 Tommy and I washed FiFi in the sink.

🔊 I reached for the shampoo, but Tommy was one step ahead of me. He was putting lots of different ingredients into the sink. Then I saw the bottle.

🔊 “What’s that?” I asked.

“Mom’s hair gel,” Tommy said with a laugh.


🔊 Tommy put hair gel on FiFi!



🔊 bottle of hair gel



 The hair gel made FiFi fluffy.

 When we got FiFi out of the sink, she was all sticky. But when we dried her off, it was worse. FiFi was fluffy! She looked like she had stuck her paw in a light socket.

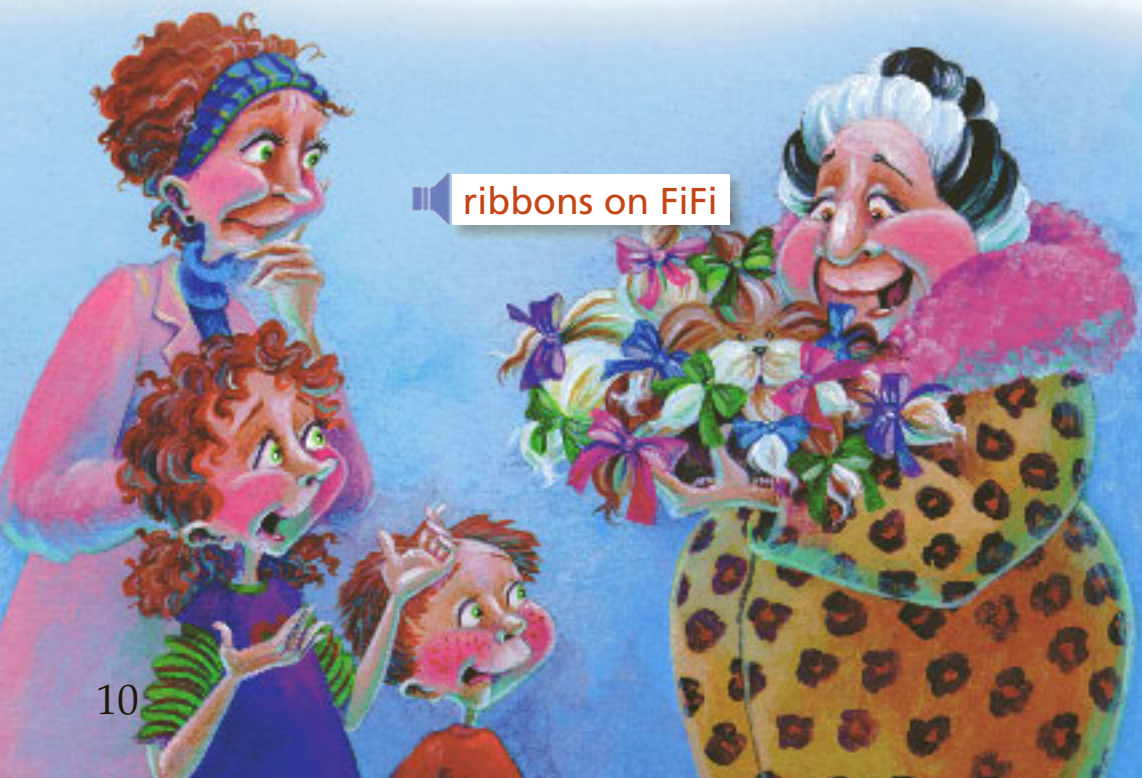
“Quick,” I told Tommy. “Grab some of those ribbons.”

■ Mrs. LaBoom came by at lunchtime to pick up FiFi. Tommy led FiFi out on a leash.

“My, my,” said Mrs. LaBoom. “FiFi looks so... so... festive.”

■ I smiled. “We thought we would do something special,” I said. “After all, it is a holiday.”

■ Mrs. LaBoom liked FiFi in ribbons.

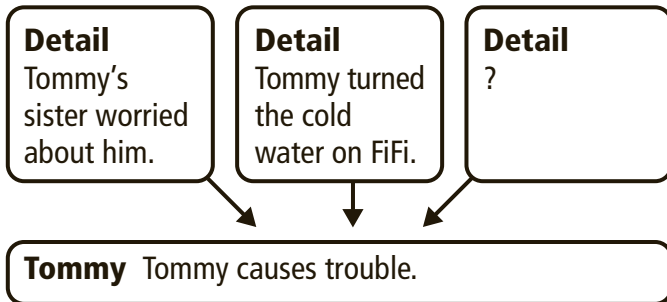


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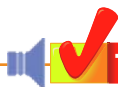
TARGET SKILL Understanding

Characters In the story, Tommy seems to cause trouble. You can tell that from the story details. Copy the chart below. Write one more story detail that helps you know that Tommy causes trouble.



Write About It

Text to Self Have you or your classmates ever fed a pet? Pick a pet that you have fed. Write a paragraph of instructions that tell how to feed the pet. Remember to put the steps in the right order.



TARGET VOCABULARY

anxiously

cross

degrees

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TARGET SKILL

Understanding Characters

Tell why characters act as they do.



TARGET STRATEGY

Infer/Predict Use clues to figure out more about the selection.



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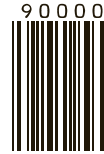
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