Had a hammer on my belt loop,
but I couldn’t find the nails.
Set the hammer down to find them,
Now it's lost. It never fails!

I misplaced the lumber somehow...
Seems I’m really in a rut!

Can’t believe how long it’s taking
Or how much it’s going to cost.
But my hands will build this tree house -
They’re the only tools not lost!
1. Complete the graphic organizer.

Items lost by the poem’s narrator

2. What is the author’s purpose for writing this poem?
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   b. to persuade readers to keep things organized
   c. to entertain readers with an amusing story about an unusual tree house
   d. to entertain readers with a funny story about a forgetful person

3. Which word best describes the person in the poem? (circle one)
   clumsy
   absent-minded
   stubborn

Explain why you chose this word. ____________________________

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Now try this: On a sheet of white paper, draw a scene to go along with the poem. Draw the tree, the yard, and the tree house. Show the missing items hidden in your picture.
Tree House Tools
Poem by Liana Mahoney

Across

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5. building where people live
6. strap used to hold pants up
7. tool for pounding nails
8. body part found at the end of an arm
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3. synonym for wood
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**Across**

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5. building where people live  **(house)**
6. strap used to hold pants up  **(belt)**
7. tool for pounding nails  **(hammer)**
8. body part found at the end of an arm  **(hand)**
9. tall plant with a wooden trunk  **(tree)**

**Down**

1. accept as true  **(believe)**
2. put down in the wrong place  **(misplaced)**
3. synonym for wood  **(lumber)**
4. not anything  **(nothing)**

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