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Graduation Party

by Kelly Hashway

Chris hauled the last folding chair up from the basement. He set it out on the deck and poured himself a glass of lemonade from the pitcher on the card table.

"Christopher, that's for the party," his mother said.

"But I'm thirsty."

"Then get yourself a drink from the refrigerator. And when you're done, your father needs help setting up the volleyball net."



"Why isn't Kurt helping?" Chris asked. "It's his party. Why am I stuck doing all the work

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coming. Chris tossed his cup in the garbage and headed down the steps to the backyard. Kurt's Mustang pulled into the driveway. Chris turned and glared at his brother.

"Hey, Chris," Kurt said.

"The caterers are on their way," Chris's mom said, practically running down the deck stairs. "I think we'll set up the gift table next to the refreshments. Chris could you get another card table from the basement?"

"After he helps me with this net," Dad said.

"I'm going to take a shower before the party," Kurt said, heading inside.

Unbelievable, Chris thought. I'm doing all the work and he's going to shower?

Chris helped his father with the volleyball net and then searched the basement for another table. He spotted one behind some boxes in the space under the stairs. He tried to

push them aside but they were too heavy.

"I'll get it," Kurt said, coming up behind him.

"It's about time you did something."

"What's that about?" Kurt asked, looking hurt.

"This is your party. But I've been doing everything. And people are going to give you presents and money. What do I get? Nothing. I wasted my whole day setting up while you hung out with your friends."

"You thought I was hanging out with my friends?"

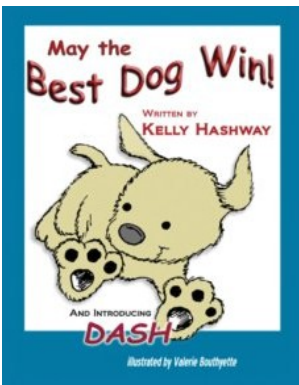
"Weren't you?"



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About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

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- a. at Chris and Kurt's house
 - b. at a park near Chris and Kurt's house
 - c. shortly before Chris' graduation party
 - d. shortly before Kurt's graduation party

2. Why was Chris upset with Kurt?

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4. Which job **didn't** Chris' family have to do to prepare for the party?
- a. cook food for the party
 - b. bring tables and chairs from the basement
 - c. put up a volleyball net
 - d. make lemonade for the party

5. If Kurt left the supermarket at 1:00 pm, how many hours was he working? _____

6. Place the events in order. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

- _____ The phone rang and Mom answered it.
- _____ Chris brought up the folding chairs from the basement.
- _____ Kurt left home to go to the supermarket.
- _____ Kurt takes a nap.

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Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the missing letters to create a vocabulary word from the article. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



1. ___ a ___ e ___ e n ___

hint: synonym for cellar

2. ___ u ___ t ___ ___ i n ___

hint: speaking in a low voice that is difficult to hear



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5. ___ a t ___ ___ e ___ s

hint: people who are hired to prepare food

6. ___ u ___ ___ ___ a r ___ e t

hint: large grocery store

7. ___ ___ ___ d u ___ ___ ___ n

hint: celebration to honor a student who has finished high school or college

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In the article, "Graduation Party", Kurt got a job at a supermarket to earn money to pay for college.

Write a paragraph in which you describe four different jobs at a supermarket. Give the name of each job and tell what a person holding the job does.

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7. g r a d u a t i o n

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