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Michael raked the last of the leaves into a small pile. There weren't even enough to jump in. "Mom and Dad are never going to pay me for raking this little bit of leaves."



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But some of the neighbors would pay you to wash theirs, too. It's getting colder and no one is going to want to wash the cars themselves."

Michael nodded. The air was cold. He shivered at the thought of washing cars and getting wet in this cold weather. "Maybe this isn't a good idea."

Greg placed his hand on Michael's shoulder. "I have some golf gloves that are designed for wet, cold weather. I'll loan you a pair, and I'll even help you wash the cars."

"Really? You'd help me and let me keep the money?"

"Sure. Golf season is over. I won't need the extra cash for a while."

Greg disappeared inside the house.

Michael asked his parents if he could wash their cars for a small fee.

When they agreed, he asked some neighbors, too. Three more agreed. Michael got a bucket, some sponges, towels, and soap. Greg came back outside with the gloves.

“Here you go. They might be a little big for you, but they’ll keep your hands warm and dry.”

“Thanks.” Michael still couldn’t believe his brother was helping him earn the money like this. He was going to have to think of a way to repay him.

After spending the day washing cars, Michael looked at the stack of money he’d made. He counted the bills carefully.

“Well?” Greg asked. “Do you have enough for that video game?”

“Yeah.” Michael smiled.

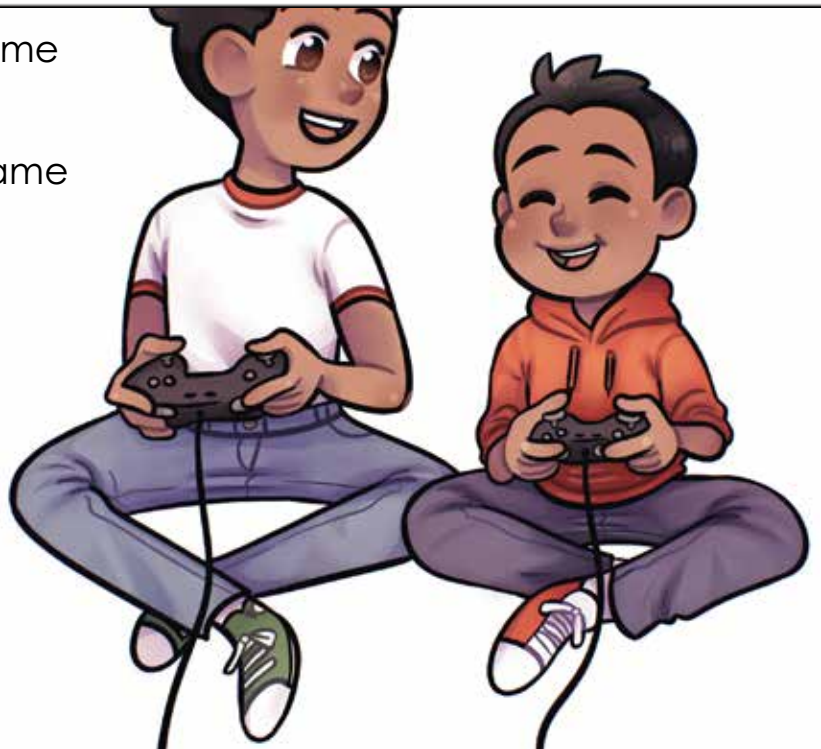


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back and brought the golf game to the register.

“I thought this golf video game would be more fun. We can play it together.”



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1. Explain why Michael was raking leaves in the beginning of the story.



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c. 53°F (12°C)

d. 23°F (-5°C)

4. Michael believes in...
 - a. persuading others to do work for him
 - b. asking for help when he needs it
 - c. giving money away to people in need
 - d. working hard to earn money for the things he wants
5. What kind thing did Michael do for Greg at the end of the story?

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the definition on the right.



1. _____ chores

a. pile



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5. _____ stack

e. pail

6. _____ disappeared

f. household jobs

7. _____ bucket

g. to pay back

8. _____ loan

h. game in which a hard ball is struck with a club

Now try this: Find each of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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In the story, "Brotherly Love," Greg helps his brother Michael wash cars to earn extra money for a video game. In return for the favor, Michael buys a video game that his brother will enjoy.



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Michael knew that Greg liked playing golf. Instead of getting the Space Invaders video game that he really wanted, he purchased a golf video game that he could play with Greg.

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8. c. loan

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