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The Fortune Teller

by Kelly Hashway

Maureen stood on the boardwalk and stared at the fortune teller's booth. She'd always thought fortune telling was a little spooky.

"Come on. I want to get my fortune told," Becca said, pulling Maureen toward the booth.

They walked through the strings of beads hanging in the doorway. It was completely dark inside. The only light came from a single candle in the middle of a round table. A woman wearing a bandanna sat at the table and motioned them over.

"Please, sit. I'm Madam Ursula." She locked her eyes on Maureen. "No need to be frightened. Sit and we will find out what it is that's scaring you so much."

Maureen's eyes widened. "Um, no. I'm not getting my fortune told."

"I am," Becca said, plopping down in the seat.

Madam Ursula rose. "Ah, but there's something you need to hear. I can see it already." She led Maureen to a chair.

Maureen's hands shook as she reached up and touched the lucky seashell she wore on a string around her neck.

Madam Ursula sat down and closed her eyes. "You are very superstitious, are you not?"

"She is!" Becca said.

Maureen's foot shook. How could this woman know anything about her? Her shoe grazed the leg of the table.

"You're nervous. You think people shouldn't have their fortunes told."



"Wow!" Becca said. "You're amazing! What else can you see?"

Madam Ursula smiled. "Hmm. I have good news. You will receive a gift from a friend today."

"Ooh! I wonder what it will be," Becca said.

Maureen relaxed in her chair. She didn't listen as Madam Ursula told Becca her fortune. She thought about her own fortune. She touched her seashell necklace, feeling the smooth paint of the four-leaf clover on the front of it. Four-leaf clover! That's how Madam Ursula knew she was superstitious. In her excitement Maureen wagged her foot harder. Madam Ursula jumped. Maureen peered under the table. She hadn't been nervously kicking the table leg. She'd been kicking Madam Ursula. But what about the gift she was supposed to get from a friend?

"That will be ten dollars for the both of you," Madam Ursula said.

"I got it." Becca put the money on the table.

Madam Ursula winked at Maureen, and Maureen laughed.

"What's so funny?" Becca asked as they left.

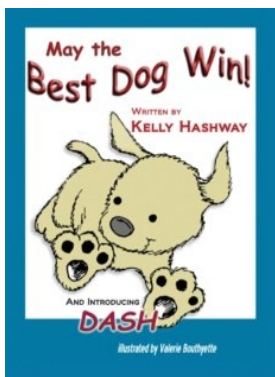
"She knew you dragged me in there, so she figured you'd pay for both of us."

Becca shrugged. "It was still fun."

"Yeah, it kind of was."

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

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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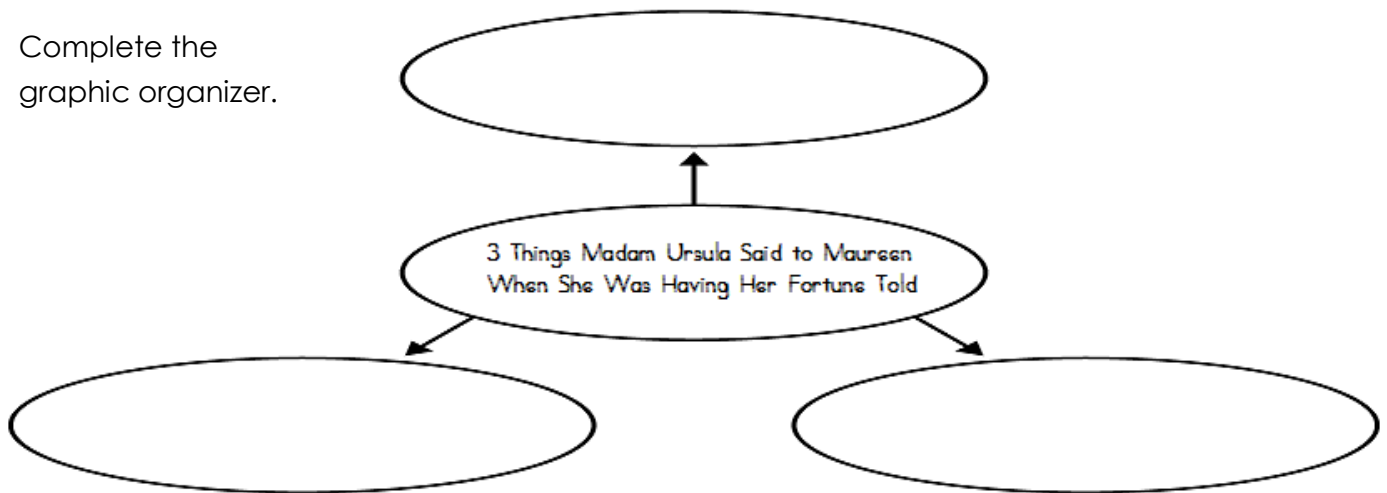
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2. Complete the graphic organizer.



3. Which word best describes Becca? (circle one)

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outgoing

intelligent

greedy

Explain why you chose this word.

4. Which word best describes Madam Ursula? (circle one)

overwhelmed

graceful

confused

insightful

Explain why you chose this word.

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Vocabulary Activity



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

1. _ _ n _ a n _ _

1. _____

hint: colorful cloth used to cover the neck or head

2. _ _ a _ _ w _ _ _

2. _____

hint: sidewalk made of wood

3. _ u _ e _ _ t i _ o u _

3. _____

hint: believing in magic or luck

4. _ _ _ z _ d

4. _____

hint: scraped or touched lightly

5. _ _ o _ p _ n g

5. _____

hint: allowing your body to drop heavily into a chair

6. _ _ g g _ d

6. _____

hint: moved from side to side

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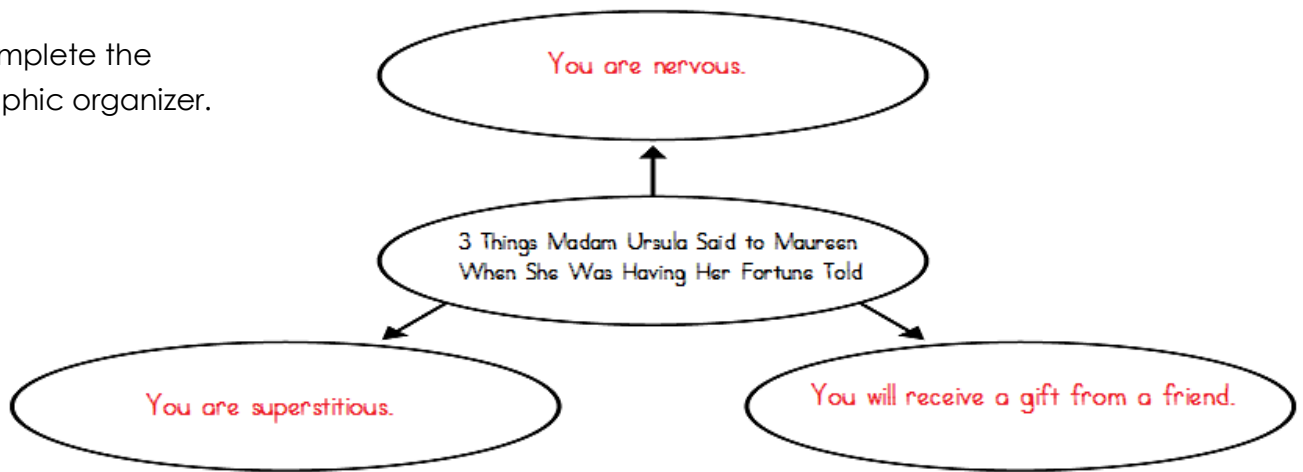
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Becca was excited to see the fortune teller and she wanted to have her fortune told.
Maureen was a little frightened and she did not want to talk to the fortune teller.

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Explain why you chose this word.

Becca seems outgoing because she excitedly dragged Maureen into the fortune teller's booth.

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Madam Ursula is insightful because she notices small details and makes observations about people.

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2. b o a r d w a l k

2. boardwalk

hint: sidewalk made of wood

3. s u p e r s t i t i o u s

3. superstitious

hint: believing in magic or luck

4. g r a z e d

4. grazed

hint: scraped or touched lightly

5. p l o p p i n g

5. plopping

hint: allowing your body to drop heavily into a chair

6. w a g g e d

6. wagged

hint: moved from side to side