

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

In Search of Courage

Pete did not like storms. He did not like flashes of lightning or rumbles of thunder. Storms scared Pete.



“It is OK to be scared,” his mom said. “We all get scared sometimes.” Still, Pete did not like storms.

“No need to be scared,” his dad said. “The storm is outside, and you are safe inside the house.” Still, storms scared Pete.

One day, Pete’s Granddad came to visit. While they sat at the table eating lunch a storm blew up. A really big storm! The lightning flashed and the thunder rolled and banged. Pete felt scared.

Granddad put his hand on Pete's shoulder. "Where is your courage, boy?" his Granddad asked.

"Does it go into hiding during a storm?"

Pete began to search the house. He searched under his blankets and in the bottom of his toy box. Pete searched the shadows where flashes of lightning could not reach. Pete found no trace of his courage.

Pete checked the corners of his closet and up in the attic. Pete checked spaces where the rumbles were quieter. Still, no trace of his courage.



Pete looked in the bathroom and down in the basement. Pete looked in places where the bangs did not sound so loud. Still, Pete found no trace of his courage.

Pete's Granddad found him sitting on the basement steps. "What's the matter?" his Granddad asked.



"I've look all over the house and I can't find my courage anywhere."

Pete's Granddad began to laugh.

"What's so funny?" Pete asked.

"Didn't you notice, the storm's over?"

Granddad replied.

Pete began to laugh too. "I guess I was so busy looking for my courage I forgot to be afraid!"

Exercises:

1. Put the events in order.

_____ Pete searched under his blankets.

_____ Pete looked down in the basement.

_____ Pete's Granddad came for a visit.

_____ Pete checked up in the attic.

2. Circle the correct choice in the sentences below.

a. The storm is (inside/outside) and you are safe (inside/outside) the house.

b. Pete searched under his (blankets/bed) and in the (lid/bottom) of his toy box.

c. Pete checked spaces where the rumbles were (quieter/louder).

d. Pete looked in places where the bangs did not sound so (quiet/loud).

3. Draw a picture of where you like to be during a really, really big storm. Write a sentence to explain why.



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Answers:

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3. Answers will vary.