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The Case of the Missing Homework

In the small town of Puzzleville, there lived a third-grader named Mia who was known for her love of solving mysteries. Mia was always ready for an adventure, and one day, she found herself in the middle of a puzzling case—the Case of the Missing Homework!

It was a sunny Monday morning when Mia sat down at her desk to complete her homework. She had worked hard on her math problems and was ready to turn in her assignment. However, when she opened her backpack, her homework was nowhere to be found!

Mia was puzzled. She knew she had completed it the night before and put it in her backpack. Where could it have gone? She decided to investigate and solve the mystery.

First, Mia questioned her little brother, Max. "Max, did you take my homework as a prank?" she asked.

Max looked innocent and shook his head. "No, Mia, I promise I didn't touch your homework."

Mia wasn't convinced yet. She moved on to her pet cat, Whiskers. "Whiskers, did you have anything to do with my missing homework?"

Whiskers meowed and looked away, but Mia knew cats couldn't carry out a homework-stealing plot.

Next, Mia turned to her best friend, Jake. "Jake, have you seen my homework anywhere?"

Jake scratched his head. "No, Mia, I haven't seen it. Did you check your desk carefully?"

Mia rushed to her desk and looked inside, but the homework was still missing. Just then, Mia's teacher, Mrs. Thompson, came into the room.

"Is everything all right, Mia?" Mrs. Thompson asked.

Mia explained the mystery of the missing homework to her teacher. Mrs. Thompson smiled and said, "Mia, I think I know where your homework is. You must have left it at home on your kitchen table."

Mia's face turned red with embarrassment. She had solved many mysteries, but this time, she had overlooked the most obvious clue. She thanked her teacher and hurried home to find her homework right where Mrs. Thompson had said.

From that day on, Mia learned that sometimes the simplest explanation is the correct one. The Case of the Missing Homework was solved, and Mia had a good laugh at herself.

