

Paragraph 1

Joshua went into the backyard to play on the swing set. His new puppy, Rascal, ran beside him. As Joshua was running toward the play area, he twisted his ankle. The accident caused him a lot of pain. Joshua's dad was always doing yard work and making sure that the grass was perfectly cut and the ground was even. Certainly, he would have noticed that hole and filled it up. Neither Joshua nor his father could figure out how that hole appeared. Who or what do you think caused the hole?

Paragraph 2

Mary has been a receptionist at Hair Clips for seven years. She rarely makes mistakes in scheduling customers. Last week, two hairdressers complained that three of their regular customers missed their appointments because of scheduling errors. What could have happened?

Paragraph 3

Emma is a very cautious shopper. She rarely takes risks, and she has a hard time buying new items unless she knows she won't waste her money. Emma sticks to her shopping list unless there's a sale, and she's been wanting to buy the item. You don't ever see Emma wasting her money. In fact, her family calls her the Tightwad Money Manager. Which of the following items would Emma most likely *not* buy: toothpaste, Super Duper Water Spray, beans, bubble gum?