



The Boots

DIRECTIONS: Read the story. Put the events in order.

Pa set off early in the morning for town. It was a long trip through the woods to the other side of the mountain, and he would be gone all day. While he was gone, Mary would be all alone, but she wasn't scared. She would do her chores, and read her book, and get dinner ready, and before she knew it, Pa would be back. When she would no longer see Pa, Mary started outside towards the barn, but she soon stopped. There, between the house and the barn, but a huge black bear. The bear stood up on his hind legs. Mary was too frightened to move. She had no weapon. The bear roared, dropped down on all fours, and ran towards her. It was the time of year when Mary knew the bear would be hungry. Thinking fast, she pulled off her boots. She threw one of them at the bear and it bounced off of his nose. The bear paused for a moment, surprised. Mary ran back towards the house. The bear came after her again. On her doorstep, Mary threw the second boot. Then she slipped inside and fastened the door tightly. From the window, she watched as the bear sniffed the second boot, then sat down with the boot between its paws and started to eat it.

_____ Mary starts outside to do her chores.

_____ Mary sees the bear.

_____ Mary throws her boots at the bear.

_____ Pa leaves for town.

_____ With Mary safe inside the house, the bear eats a boot.

_____ The bear stands up and roars.