

Chores

Louisa looked at the Chores list. It was her turn to fold the laundry. That was the chore she hated most. How could she get out of it?

Louisa saw her brother J.B. in his room. “J.B., would you like to make some money?” Louisa asked.

“What’s the catch?” asked J.B.

“I’ll pay you 50 cents to fold the . . .,” Louisa stopped. She remembered that she had spent her 50 cents yesterday. “Never mind.”

Next Louisa saw her sister Grace pouting in the living room.

“I got the worst chore on the list today,” said Grace. “I hate dusting furniture!”

“Dusting furniture isn’t bad. I have to fold the laundry! *That’s* the worst!” Louisa said.

“I don’t mind folding laundry,” said Grace. “Anything but dusting!”

The two girls looked at each other. They both smiled. As Grace folded the laundry, Louisa hummed and dusted.

Strategy Here’s a good place to stop and sum up what’s happened so far. Louisa doesn’t want to fold laundry. She tries to get J.B. to do it, but remembers she doesn’t have money to pay him.

Skill Here’s a clue word that helps tell the order of events. What happened after Louisa talked to J.B.?