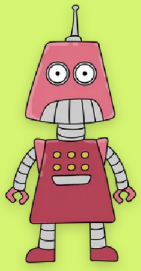
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Mistake Detectives

Be a mistake detective: read four short stories and write what went wrong, what each kid can learn and what to try next time.



Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Read each story. Write what went wrong, what the kid can learn and what to try next time.

1. Priya rushed through her math test and added when she should have subtracted.

What went wrong: _____

What they can learn: _____

Next time they could: _____

2. Eli's paper airplane nosedived every time he threw it.

What went wrong: _____

What they can learn: _____

Next time they could: _____

3. Rosa forgot her lines in the class play.

What went wrong: _____

What they can learn: _____

Next time they could: _____

4. Theo's tomato plant dried up on the windowsill.

What went wrong: _____

What they can learn: _____

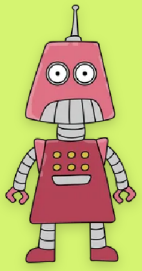
Next time they could: _____

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Answer Key: Mistake Detectives

Answers for grown-ups. Many questions have more than one good answer, so the key shows one example.



Read each story. Write what went wrong, what the kid can learn and what to try next time.

1. Priya rushed through her math test and added when she should have subtracted.

What went wrong: She rushed and did not read the signs.

What they can learn: Slowing down helps her catch mistakes.

Next time they could: Circle the sign in each problem first.

2. Eli's paper airplane nosedived every time he threw it.

What went wrong: The wings were uneven.

What they can learn: Testing shows what to change.

Next time they could: Fold the wings evenly and change one thing at a time.

3. Rosa forgot her lines in the class play.

What went wrong: She only practiced once.

What they can learn: Practice makes lines stick.

Next time they could: Practice a little each day with a friend.

4. Theo's tomato plant dried up on the windowsill.

What went wrong: He forgot to water it.

What they can learn: Plants need care every day.

Next time they could: Make a watering chart and check it each morning.

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