



**Racing to English  
Activity 11i**

# Stuck in a house

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Read the story with your friend.

When I was a young boy, I live in Iraq. I lived with my mother and father and my sister.

One day my family went over to my friend`s house. My sister and I played with my friend, then my Mum and Dad and the other parents said, "We're going shopping, you stay here."

They locked us in the house

After an hour, the adults came back. They tried to open the door but it wouldn't open. My sister, my friend and I started to cry. We cried a lot.

Our parents tried to find something to break into the house. They found an axe. So my Dad took the axe and broke the window and got us out and we all stopped crying. Then my Dad drove us back home and we were all happy again.



**axe**

Can you read these words?

|           |         |        |          |
|-----------|---------|--------|----------|
| family    | hour    | played | shopping |
| stay      | parents | adults | wouldn't |
| something | break   | axe    | window   |

Can you translate the words into another language?



Ask your friend some questions:

**Yes      No**

1. Did Samer and his family stay at home?
2. Did they go to Samer's friend's house?
3. Did the adults go shopping?
4. Did the children go shopping?
5. Did the adults lock the children in the house?
6. Did the adults come back?
7. Did the adults start to cry?
8. Did Samer's father break the door with an axe?
9. Did he break a window with an axe?

**Yes I have.**

**No I haven't.**

10. Have you ever been to your friend's house?
  11. Have you ever been stuck in something?
  12. Have you ever broken something with an axe?
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Please use long answers for the next questions:

13. Who went to Samer's friend's house?
14. Who went shopping?
15. Who was stuck in the house?
16. Who started crying?
17. Who broke the window?

Now write the questions and the answers.



Now do some of these things:

- Draw a picture of an axe
- Write a story about going to a friend's house
- Write a story about an axe.
- Make a wordsearch for your story.

Find the words in the wordsearch:

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| adults | I       |
| axe    | locked  |
| break  | mum     |
| broke  | parents |
| cry    | played  |
| dad    | sister  |
| door   | stopped |
| find   | window  |
| friend | young   |

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Now write 7 questions about the story. Write questions that you do **NOT** know the answer to.

For example

What did the adults buy in the shops?

Why couldn't the adults open the door?

Now rewrite the story but make it longer so that it has got the answers to your questions in it.

Cut out these story strips and work with your friend to put them in the right order:



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