

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Story Review Plot Mix-Up

Directions: Place the events in the correct chronological (time) order by numbering them. Use "1" for the first event and "39" for the last. (Every 5 events are marked for you.)

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- _____ 2. Betty slipped a postcard under the glass and carried Ralph to the window and dropped him outside.
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- _____ 6. He dragged the aspirin into the back of the ambulance and snuck back into the elevator.
- _____ 7. He was suddenly trapped inside of a drinking glass.
- _____ 8. Keith found his motorcycle and noticed it was damaged and then found Ralph.
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- _____ 11. Keith ordered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for Ralph and his family.
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- 30 _____ 13. Keith's parents could not find an aspirin to treat Keith's fever.
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