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Plot and Conflict

“Oh, well,” my dad said, trying to be nice. “At least we have corn on the cob!”

“Oh, no!” my brother yelled. “The corn!”

“You mean you forgot to take out the corn?” I yelled.

My brother just glared at me. I guess I had forgotten, too. My brother had been so busy trying not to burn the hot dogs that he had forgotten about the corn. He opened the grill and used the tongs to carefully take out the corn wrapped in foil. It was steaming and hissing. He used an oven mitt and unwrapped it, but it was too late—the corn had burned, too!

“You messed up our Father’s Day present last year. And now you did it again! You ruined Father’s Day,” I blurted out.


The conflict in this part of the story is *mainly* between Michael and his—

A mom

C brother

B dad

D self



Plot and
Conflict

The boys are trying so hard to cook the hot dogs together, but they keep messing up. They are constantly fighting with each other throughout the story. Choice C is correct.

1 The event that sets the conflict in motion is when the—

- A** rabbit asks the coyote to drink all the water
- B** rabbit asks the coyote to hold up the rock
- C** coyote cannot find the cheese
- D** coyote felt shame

2 What is the theme, or lesson, of the story?

3 The climax of the story comes when the—

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| A rabbit asks the coyote to hold up the rock | C rabbit asks the coyote to drink all the water |
| B coyote holds up the rock for hours | D coyote does not find the cheese under the water |

4 Describe the character of the coyote. Use examples from the story to explain your answer.

5 Do you think the coyote will ever change? Why or why not?
