



Hammy's Great Escape

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Max and Maya were often at odds, squabbling over toys and television shows. One sunny afternoon, they were mid-argument when a tiny, furry blur shot past their feet – it was Hammy, their pet hamster, escaping from his cage!



An illustration of a brightly lit living room shows Max and Maya arguing. Hammy, a small hamster, is escaping from his cage. The cage door is open and Hammy is running toward the foreground.



The siblings, startled and forgetting their fight, looked at each other with wide eyes. Hammy was gone! A chase began. Max, the older brother, and Maya, the younger sister, immediately started their search, their usual rivalry forgotten in the face of a common crisis.



An illustration depicting the siblings beginning their search. Max, a boy with messy brown hair, is looking under a sofa. Maya, a girl with pigtails, is peering behind a bookshelf. Hammy is not visible, creating a sense of urgency.



Their search led them through their cozy home. Under the sofa, behind the curtains, and even inside the toy box - Hammy was nowhere to be found. The house, usually a battlefield of their disagreements, was now a shared quest, united by their love for the little hamster.



An illustration shows Max and Maya searching under a table, their faces showing determination. A toy box is open and a curtain is partially pulled back, adding to the atmosphere of a frantic search. The room is filled with toys and objects.



Suddenly, Maya spotted a tiny trail of sunflower seeds leading towards the kitchen. Following the crumbs, the two children cautiously crept towards the kitchen, their hearts filled with hope that they were getting closer.



An illustration of the kitchen with a trail of sunflower seeds on the floor leading to a cabinet. Maya points at the trail with excitement, while Max looks on with anticipation.