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Hamster Cause & Effect

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CAUSE	EFFECT
I did not close the lid tightly.	
	I jumped up and hit the lamp.
The lamp crashed to the floor and made a loud noise.	
Walked to apologize, stopped, and tried to grab my hamster.	
	My mom screamed.
	I watched my pet play and thought I saw him wink at me.



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I did not close the lid tightly.	<u>My hamster escaped.</u>
<u>Hamster ran by me and startled me.</u>	I jumped up and hit the lamp.
The lamp crashed to the floor and made a loud noise.	<u>The noise woke my dad.</u>
Walked to apologize, stopped, and tried to grab my hamster.	<u>Hamster ran into kitchen.</u>
<u>Hamster startled mom.</u>	My mom screamed.
<u>Mom scooped up hamster and put him in his cage.</u>	I watched my pet play and thought I saw him wink at me.