Tobin and the Label Mix-Up

A container should tell the truth.



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Tobin helped sort the craft cupboard. He put large wooden beads in one clear jar and buttons in another. Then he carefully wrote two labels on sticky paper.



Before he attached them, his little sister called him to see a drawing. Tobin returned in a hurry. Beads went on the button jar. Buttons went on the bead jar.



At craft time, his sister asked for beads. Tobin passed the jar marked Beads. She opened it and tipped out buttons. They rolled across the table like tiny wheels.



"The label is wrong," she said. Tobin looked through the clear side. There was no mystery about what was inside. He had trusted the word without checking the contents.



They gathered the buttons into a tray. Mum kept the small pieces away from their younger cousin. Tobin peeled both labels off and laid them beside the jars.



This time, he checked each jar before sticking anything down. He added a picture beside the word so his sister could use the labels before she read confidently.



They tested the cupboard. Mum asked for buttons. His sister chose the correct jar. Tobin asked for beads. She found those too. The labels were finally doing their job.



One empty jar still said Ribbon. Tobin almost filled it with crayons. Then he stopped. "We would need to change the label first," he told his sister.



They made a new crayon label together. The old ribbon label went into the paper recycling. A jar could have a new job, but its label needed to keep up.



Mum showed them a separate high cupboard for household products. "Those stay in their original labelled containers," she said. Tobin nodded. Their game was only for safe craft supplies.



At the next club meeting, Tobin checked the cupboard before anyone arrived. Every word matched its contents. His sister added a cheerful picture to the empty-tray shelf.



"What belongs there?" Mum asked. "Nothing yet," Tobin said. The shelf label said Spare Space. This time, even the empty place had an honest name.

The End

A little story. A moment to share.

How did Tobin test the new labels?

Why should a label change when a craft jar's contents change?

Choose a favourite moment and draw what happened next.

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