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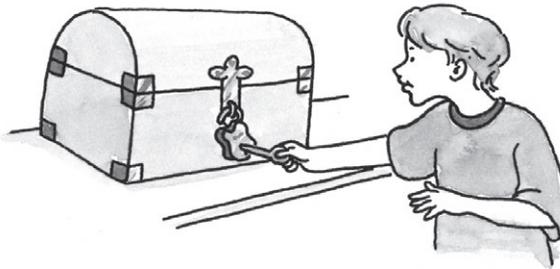
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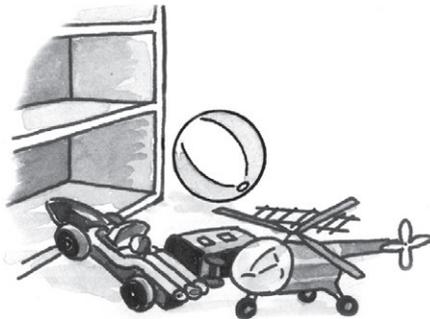
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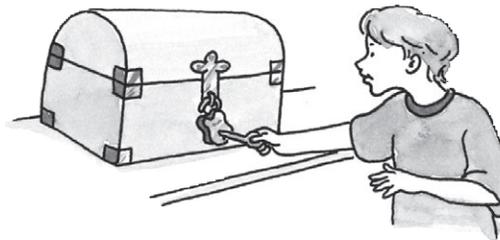
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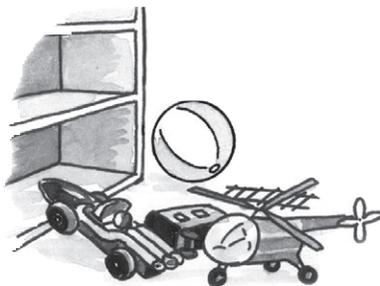
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Wes is**unhappy**.....



Explain the meaning of the term *prefix* to your child, and help him or her explore and understand that the effect of common prefixes such as *un-* and *dis-* is to change the meaning of positive words to negative words, such as *unhappy* or *displeased*.