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Bubba Does A Science Lab

Highlight and number all the incorrect things in the story below. On the back of this paper, write the correct thing to do if you were Bubba for each numbered mistake.

Bubba comes into the classroom yelling insults to his buddy Lance. The veins in Mrs. Emery's neck start to pop out. He throws his backpack on the floor next to his desk and sticks his gum under his chair. He is supposed to be setting up a lab to react two different chemicals. He walks over to the supply table to check out the two chemicals. He picks up the blue chemical that has no label and swirls it around in the beaker. A small drop falls onto the table, but he quickly wipes it up with his sleeve before Mrs. Emery sees the spill. He skips back to his table and sits down. Oops, he forgot to get his lab apron and goggles. He walks back to get his safety gear and sees his lab partner. They both put on the same lab apron and pretend to be twins.

Now class is ready to start. Bubba and his partner listen carefully to all the instructions. They must mix the acid and water, heat the mixture with a burner and measure the temperature change. Bubba and his partner carefully read the instructions and set up all the equipment as it is described in the instructions. They put on their safety goggles and their aprons. They measure out the chemicals with a graduated cylinder and smell both liquids to make sure that they are correct. They pour the water slowly and carefully into the beaker of acid. They are really careful to avoid any splashes. Then they put the thermometer into the beaker and have the teacher light the burner.

They work quietly on their lab report while the mixture bubbles and boils. Every now and then Bubba looks into the beaker to make sure everything is OK. He also puts his data table into the flame. This makes the paper look really old, just like a pirate's treasure map. Maybe he will get extra points! Finally the liquid is finished boiling. Bubba picks up the beaker and sets it into cold water to cool off quickly. Oops! The thermometer has fallen out and broken. There is glass all over the place. He runs out to tell the nurse.

When he gets back, it is almost time to clean up. Bubba still needs to weigh his beaker, but just then the fire alarm rings. Bubba knows what to do! He yanks on the scales' electrical cord to pull the plug out of the socket. Then, he tries to run out of the room, but all the other kids' chairs are in the way. He leaves the burner on. Finally, the drill is over and it is time to clean up. Bubba pours his experiment down the drain and carefully washes his beaker. He sits down at his seat and waits quietly to be excused. Mrs. Emery sends him to the office. She then takes an aspirin.

