



Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence. Think about what happened first, what caused it, and what happened because of it. Trace the chain of events!

## Pip's Great Escape



Pip the hamster was very tiny. One sunny morning, he found a small hole in his cage door. Pip squeezed through the hole and dropped onto the soft carpet. He was free!

Pip scurried across the living room floor. He zoomed past a tall stack of colorful books. Uh oh! Pip bumped into the bottom book. Thump, thump, crash! All the books tumbled down. Leo heard the noise and found Pip next to the book pile.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which of these BEST explains why the books fell down? Circle the correct answer.

- (A) Leo knocked the books over. (B) Pip bumped into the bottom book.  
(C) The books were too heavy. (D) The wind blew them down.

(2) Complete the sentence: Because \_\_\_\_\_, Pip was able to get out of his cage.

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(3) What did Pip do right after he dropped onto the carpet?

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**(4) Describe how Pip getting out of his cage led to him bumping the books and then the books falling down.**

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**(5) What might have happened if Pip had NOT found a hole in his cage? Explain.**

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