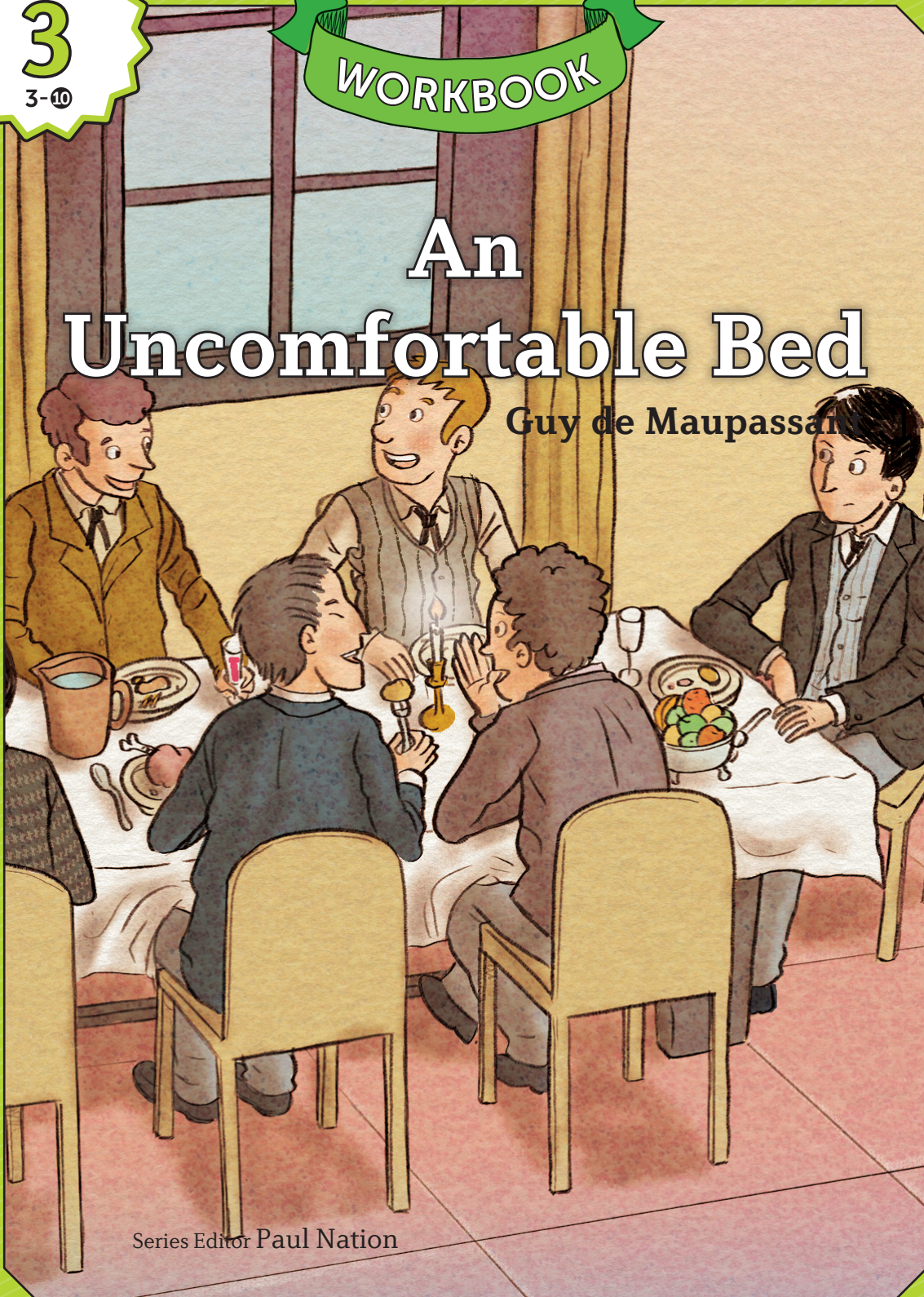


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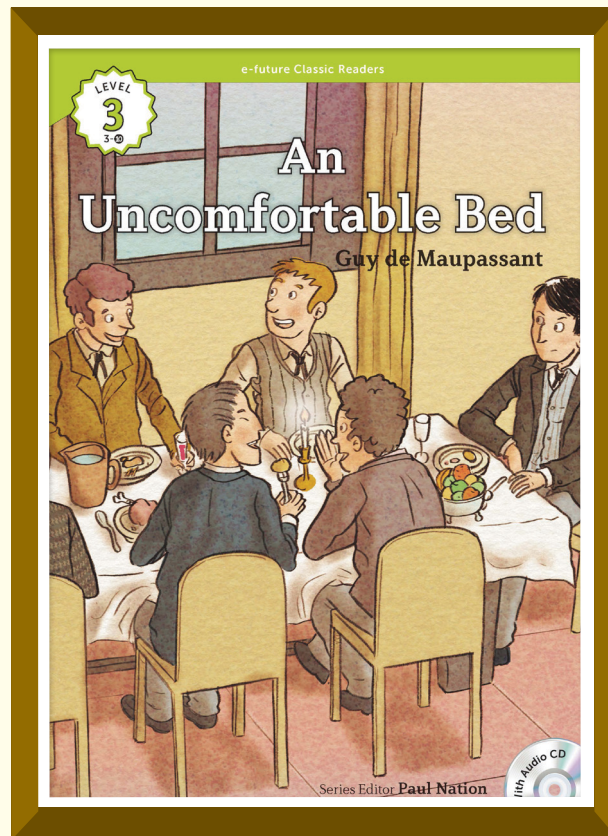
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**A** Look at the picture and answer the questions.



- 1** What is the title of this book?  
The title of this book is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2** Who is the author of this book?  
The author of this book is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3** What do you see on the cover illustration? Circle the correct words.  
I see (four / six) men sitting around the table. They are talking and eating. They look (pleased / unhappy).
- 4** What do you think will happen in the story?  
I think \_\_\_\_\_.

**B** Read and write.

1 Have you ever had someone play a trick on you? What was the trick?

\_\_\_\_\_ played a trick by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 What was your reaction to it? And how did you feel?

I \_\_\_\_\_  
I felt \_\_\_\_\_.

**C** Draw what happened to you.





# Words to Learn

During Reading

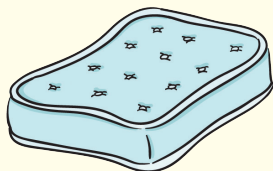
**A** Find the word for each picture. Then write the words.

trick  
spy

sheet  
avoid

mattress  
servant

1



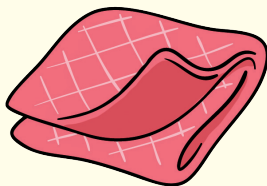
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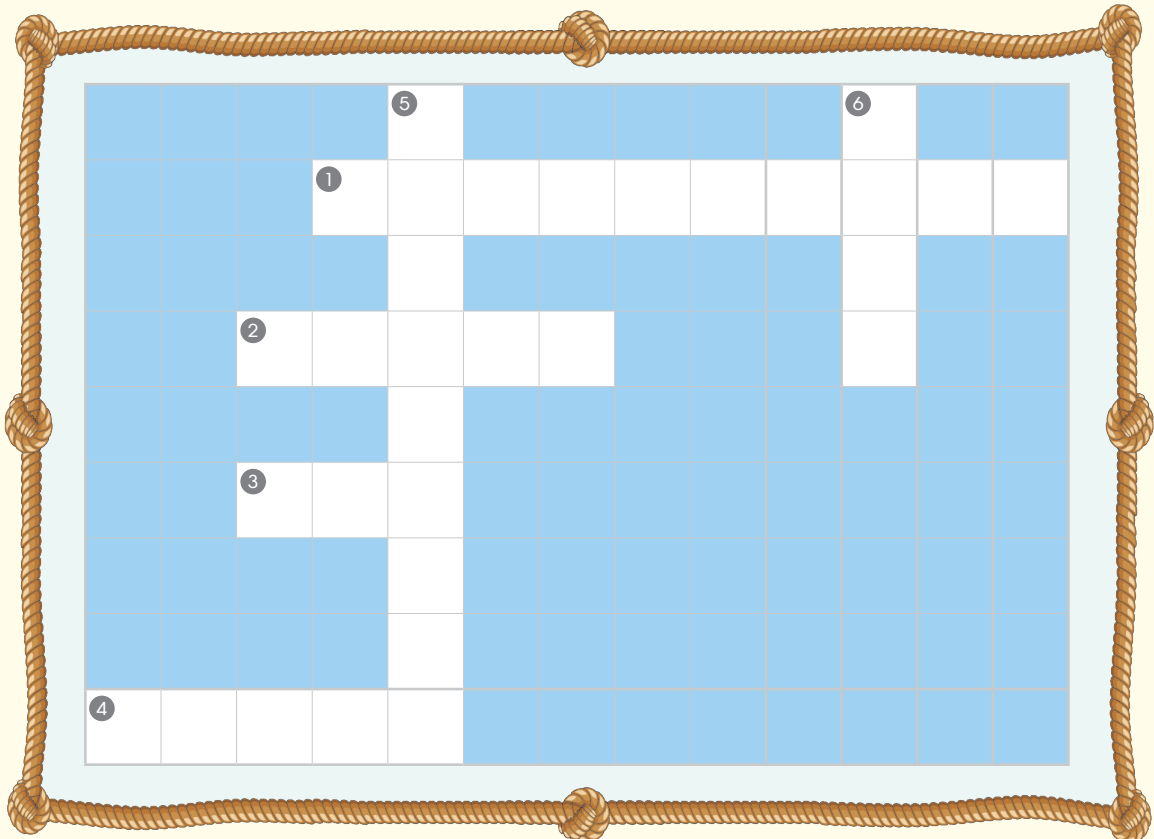
**B** Read the sentences and fill in the blanks. Then do the crossword puzzle.

**Across** →

- 1 When they welcomed me I felt \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I felt a hand \_\_\_\_\_ me!
- 3 So I \_\_\_\_\_ five more candles.
- 4 For another hour I was still \_\_\_\_\_.

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- 5 I checked under the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 My friends like to play \_\_\_\_\_s.

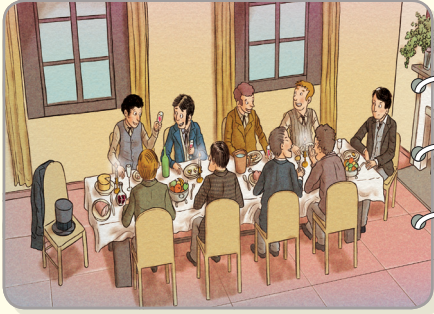


# Comprehension

During Reading

**A** Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



The narrator thought his friends had planned a joke on him.

True

False

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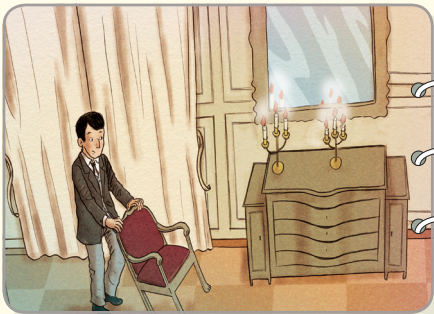


His friends were looking through the keyhole.

True

False

3



The narrator went to the bed after he lit five more candles.

True

False

4



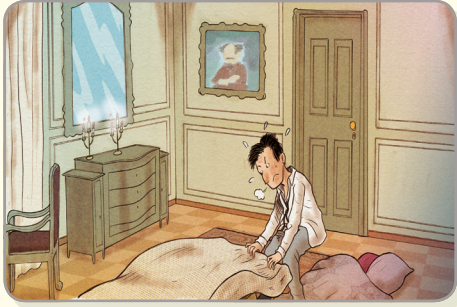
The narrator thought his friends might have planned to drop cold water on him from overhead.

True

False



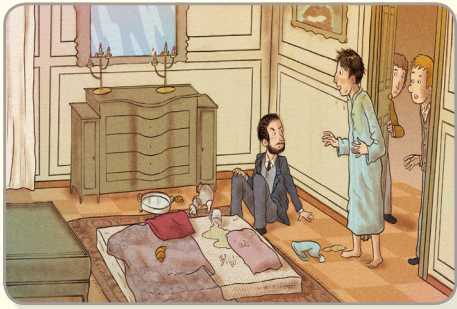
**B** Circle the correct answer.



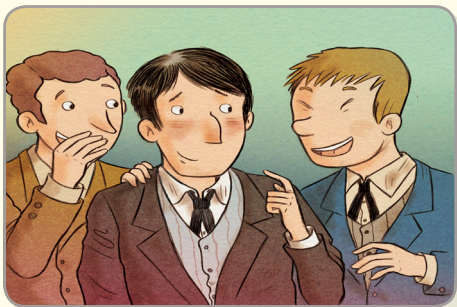
- 1 Where did the narrator pull the mattress and sheet?
- a. The middle of the room
  - b. The corner of the room



- 2 Why was the narrator woken?
- a. Because he heard someone laughing outside his room.
  - b. Because he felt hot liquid pouring onto him.



- 3 Who made the noise of plates and cups falling to the ground?
- a. The servant
  - b. A thief



- 4 What did the narrator recognize in the end?
- a. He hadn't tried hard enough to avoid a trick.
  - b. He had made himself a joke.

# Sentence Practice

During Reading

**A** Read and unscramble the sentences.

1 (like to / jokes / play / My friends / .)

\_\_\_\_\_

2 (My friends / on me / were / spying / !)

\_\_\_\_\_

3 (put / the window / a chair / I / in front of / .)

\_\_\_\_\_

4 (asleep / I fell / When / seemed quiet, / everything / .)

\_\_\_\_\_

5 (looked into / together / room / We / my / .)

\_\_\_\_\_

6 (that day / my friends / How / laughed / all / !)

\_\_\_\_\_

**A** Check the correct answer. Then write using the options.

### Main Character(s)

- narrator  
 the narrator's parents

### Setting(s)

- the narrator's friend's house  
 the narrator's house

First

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Next

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Then

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Last

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### Options

- a The narrator pulled the mattress and sheet to the middle of the room and made up his bed there.
- b The narrator put a chair in front of the window.
- c The narrator closed the shutters and drew the curtains.
- d The narrator checked under the furniture and looked through the keyhole.



# Review Quiz

After Reading

## A Circle the best answer.

- 1 My friends welcomed me. I felt (suspicious / embarrassed).
- 2 I was sure they had planned a (stick / trick).
- 3 My friends were (spying / crying) on me!
- 4 I checked under the (furnace / furniture).
- 5 I (hit / lit) five more candles.

## B Fill in the blanks.

sheet    awake    punch    servant    avoid

- 1 I felt a hand \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- 2 For another hour, I was still \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 What did we see? A poor \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4 I had tried so hard to \_\_\_\_\_ any tricks.
- 5 I pulled the mattress and \_\_\_\_\_ off the bed.

Name

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Summary

Write a summary using the options.

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Options

- a. In the end, he realized that he tried so hard to avoid any tricks that he ended up bringing trouble upon himself.
- b. He made up his bed in the middle of the room and fell asleep.
- c. His servant, not knowing the narrator was sleeping on the floor, tripped over him and spilled a cup of hot tea all over him.
- d. He thought his bed was not safe, so he drew his mattress and sheets on the floor.
- e. The narrator went to a friend's house and began to suspect that his friends were planning a joke.
- f. He tried to remember all the old jokes that his friends had played on him.