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Oh, how the time flies.



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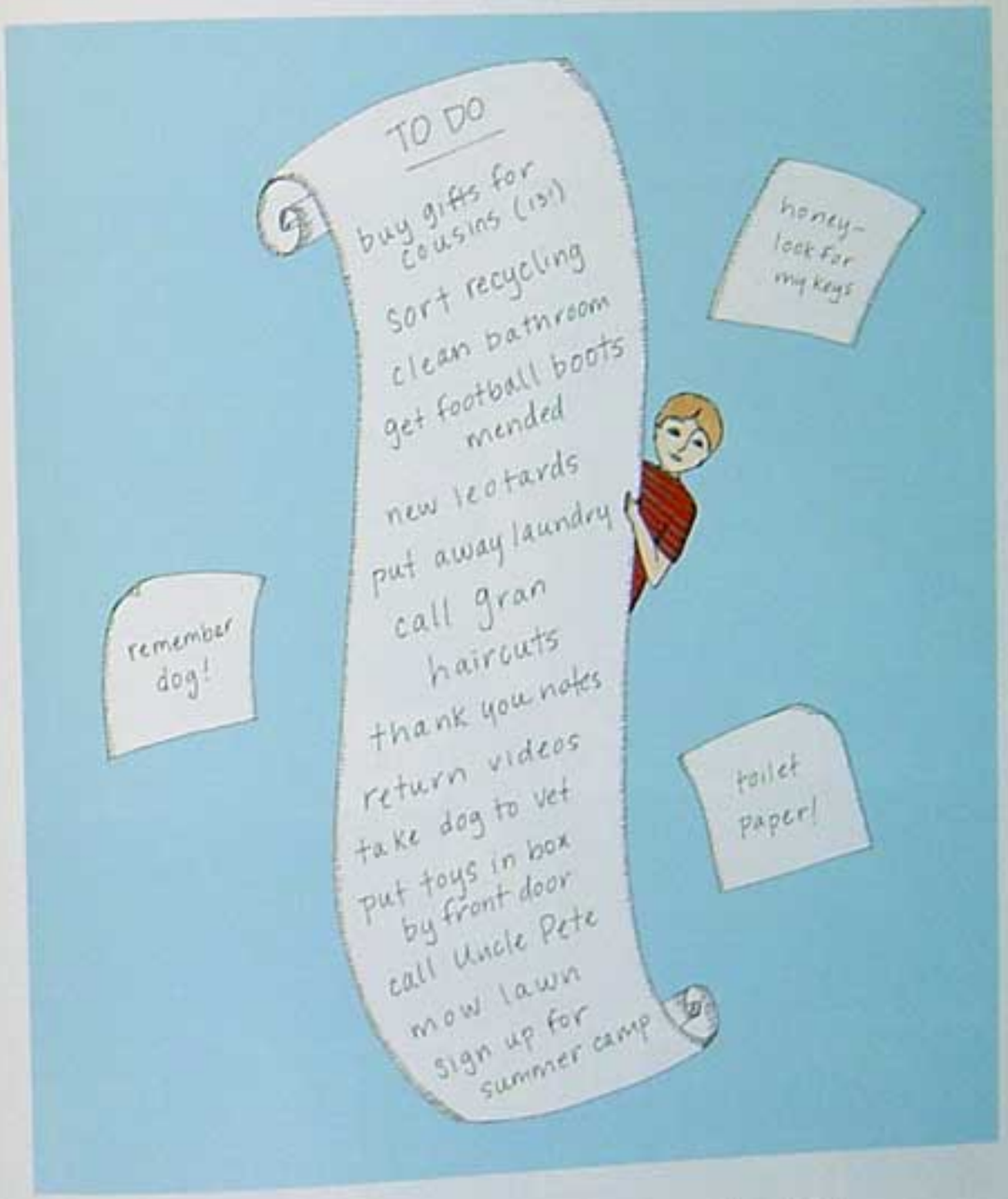


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Thomas was part of a busy, busy family.



There was always something to do or somewhere to go.

Because Thomas's family was so busy, his parents were always talking about time. But Thomas couldn't tell the time. It just made him confused.



"Wake up! It's quarter past seven!"



"Do you know what time it is?"



"Hurry up and eat! It's already eight!"



Thomas decided he needed to know how to tell the time.
He stared at the kitchen clock.
"What time is it?" he asked his mum.
"Eight fifteen," she answered. Thomas didn't see a fifteen on the clock.
"What time do we have to leave?" he asked.
"Eight twenty," she answered. Thomas didn't see a twenty on the clock.
either. Telling the time is hard, thought Thomas.