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## The Tree House

Everyone was there. We were ready to start our club meeting. “Listen!” I said. “I hear thunder. A storm is coming!” We scrambled down the ladder and raced home. It’s not safe to be in a tree house during a storm.

The next day, we all returned. Everyone was sad.

“We don’t have a tree house anymore!” Mark said. “What should we do?”

“Do you think we can rebuild it?” I asked.

Mark smiled. “Yes. We can make it stronger this time.”

Rosa and Al arrived with their mother. They had a bunch of tools. “Look!” said Mark and Barb. “We got wood from our old fruit stand!”

Mrs. Martinez was a big help. She did the cutting and sawing. “Do you know how to hammer?” she asked. She showed us how. We all worked hard. We felt proud as we met in our new tree house for the first time. “It looks better than the old one!”

Mark said.

“Oh, no!” I cried. “Thunder!” Everyone darted to my house. Would the tree house be harmed?

After the storm, the tree house still looked great.

We clambered up the ladder and finally had our meeting!

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**Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.**

- 1** How did Mrs. Martinez help the club members?
  - (A) She became a member of the club.
  - (B) She taught them about storm safety.
  - (C) She helped paint the new tree house.
  - (D) She cut wood for the new tree-house.
  
- 2** If *build* means “to form or construct” what does *rebuild* mean?
  - (F) to climb up or down again
  - (G) to develop a better model
  - (H) to take apart or take down
  - (I) to form or construct again
  
- 3** What happens at the end of the story?
  - (A) The club members have a meeting.
  - (B) Another storm destroys the tree house.
  - (C) The club members learn how to use a hammer.
  - (D) Mark and Barb bring wood from the fruit stand.
  
- 4** What is the MAIN problem the club members face? How do they work together to solve the problem? Support your answer with examples from the passage. Write your response on another sheet of paper.