Replace the underlined words that are overused or vague with synonyms. If you see other words you would like to replace, please do so by highlighting them. Write your synonyms on the next page

Once upon a time there was a <u>little</u> girl whose name was Gwendolyn. She was not a <u>nice</u> girl. She <u>threw</u> her toys, <u>yelled</u> at her <u>little</u> brother, and pulled the cat's tail. Her mother wasn't <u>happy</u> that she was doing this but didn't know what to do to make her <u>stop</u>.

"I have got to get some help!" she <u>said</u>.

"Never fear!" <u>said</u> a voice that seemed to appear from nowhere.

"Who are you and how can you help?" <u>said</u> Gwendolyn's mom as she turned around and <u>saw</u> an odd-looking creature.

"I am Wallace the Wonderful," he said as he <u>gave</u> his business card to the mother, "and I have helped over 1000 other <u>bad</u> children. See, here is a list of satisfied customers."

He opened up his cape and inside of the lining were a <u>bunch</u> of names of parents who were <u>happy</u> with Wallace's service.

" I can <u>help</u> you by making Gwendolyn see what it feels like to have these <u>things</u> done to her."

"Wow! Can you really make her stop? She's making her brother <u>unhappy</u> and I think the cat's tail is <u>getting shorter</u>. I don't know how much more of this I can take!" <u>said</u> the mother.

"I guarantee it or I will come and babysit your children for the next year, free of charge." <u>said</u> Wallace.

"<u>Great</u>!" said the mother and called Gwendolyn in to meet Wallace.

Now, Wallace had a <u>nice</u> mirror that showed Gwendolyn all the times she <u>threw</u> her toys, <u>yelled</u> at her <u>little</u> brother, and pulled the cat's tail. Up to this point, every time Wallace showed boys and girls how <u>bad</u> they were they would stop. However, it had the opposite effect on Gwendolyn. She laughed <u>a lot</u> and saw other ways she could make life <u>hard</u> for her brother and the cat.

"What have you done?" <u>asked</u> the mother. "Gwendolyn is worse!"

"I know, I know!" <u>said</u> Wallace.

"Well", said Gwendolyn's mother, "it looks like my husband and I have a date every week for a year. I'll see you Saturday night at 5:00. Don't be late!"

"Okay."<u>said</u> Wallace looking <u>sad</u>. "I'll be here."

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