

Homework First, Play Later

Using a Gold Responsibility Mindset

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Cesar was playing video games in his
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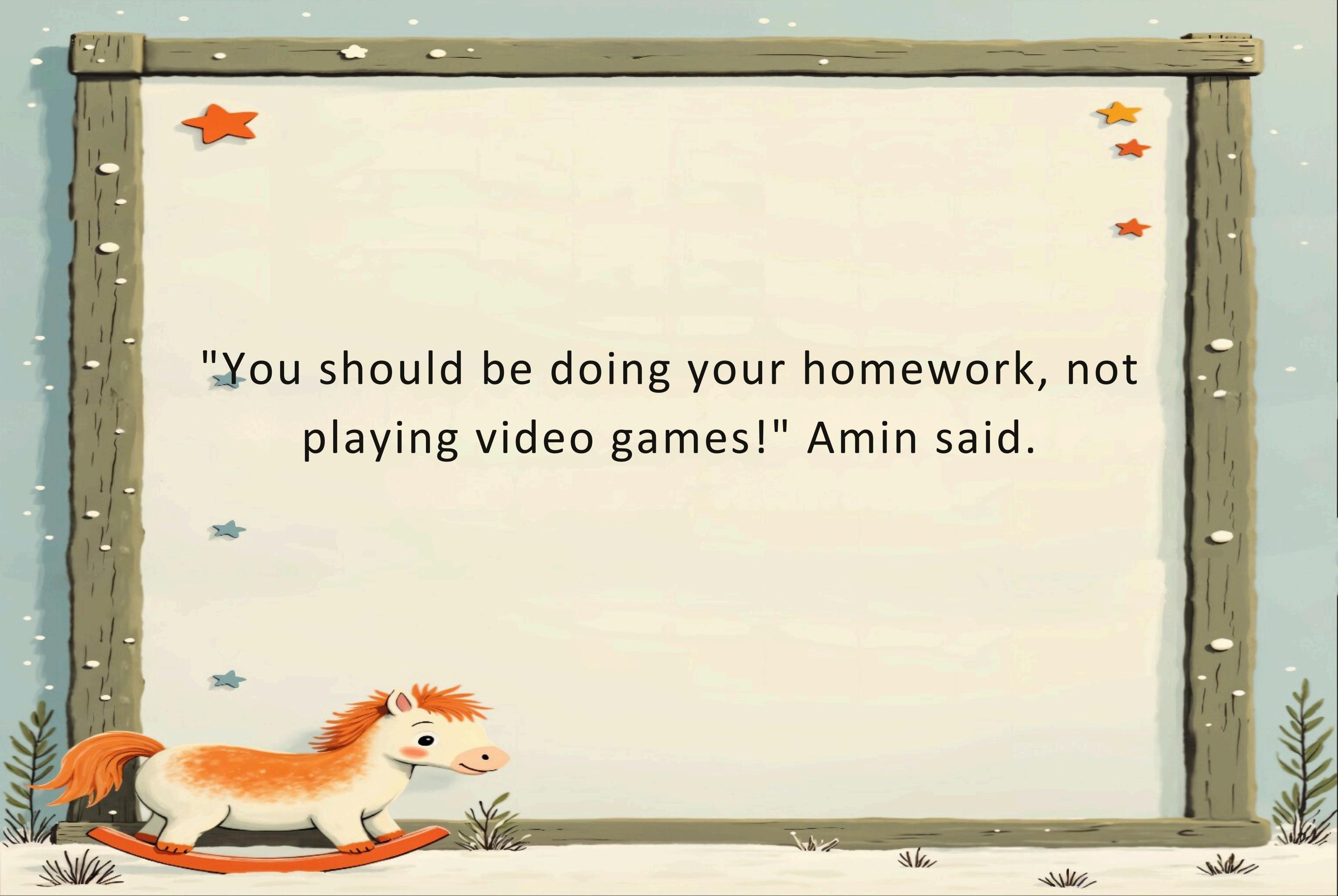
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Suddenly, Amin walked in with a serious look.
"What are you doing?" he asked.



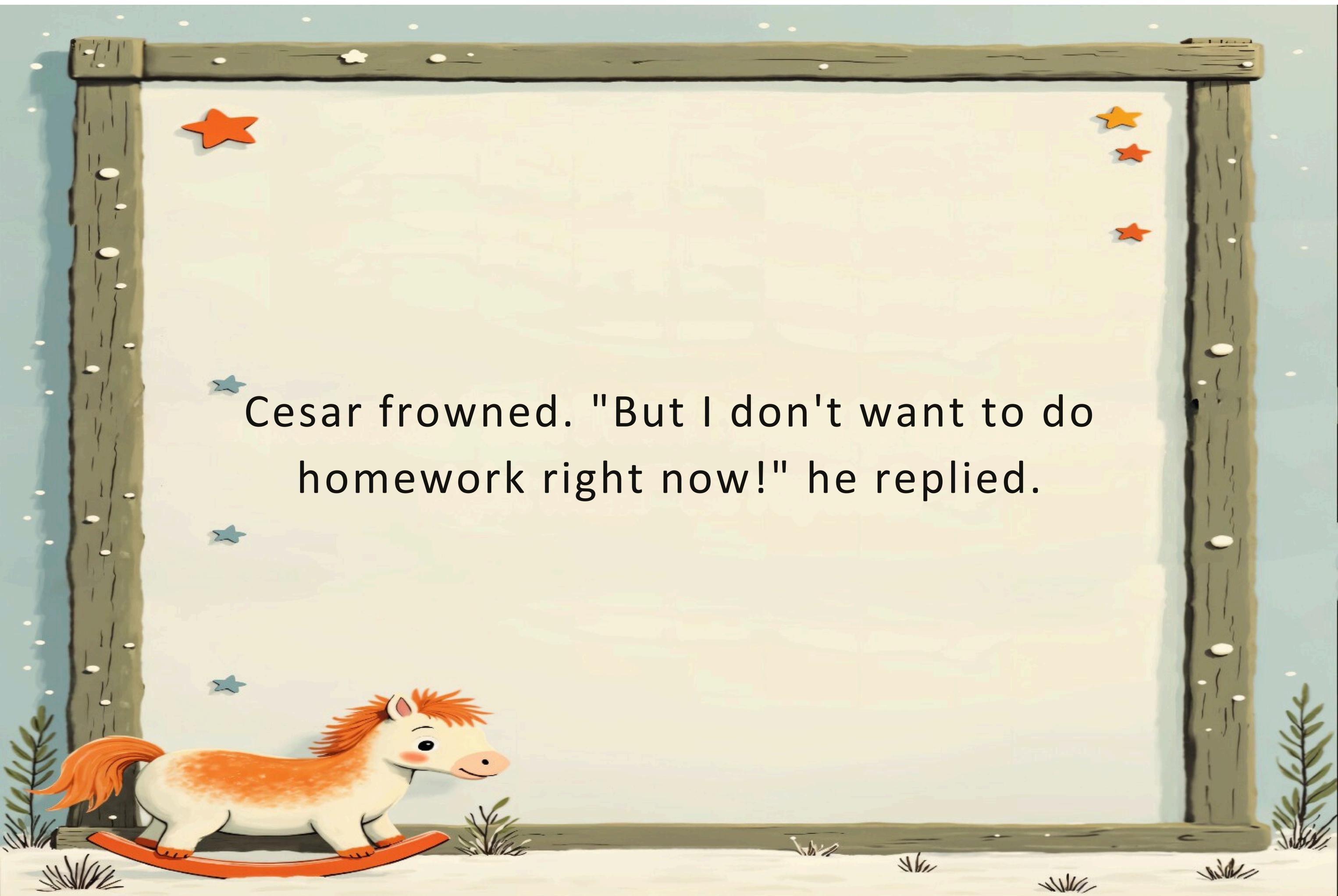


"You should be doing your homework, not playing video games!" Amin said.



★ Work Done
Best Friend

Book Fair



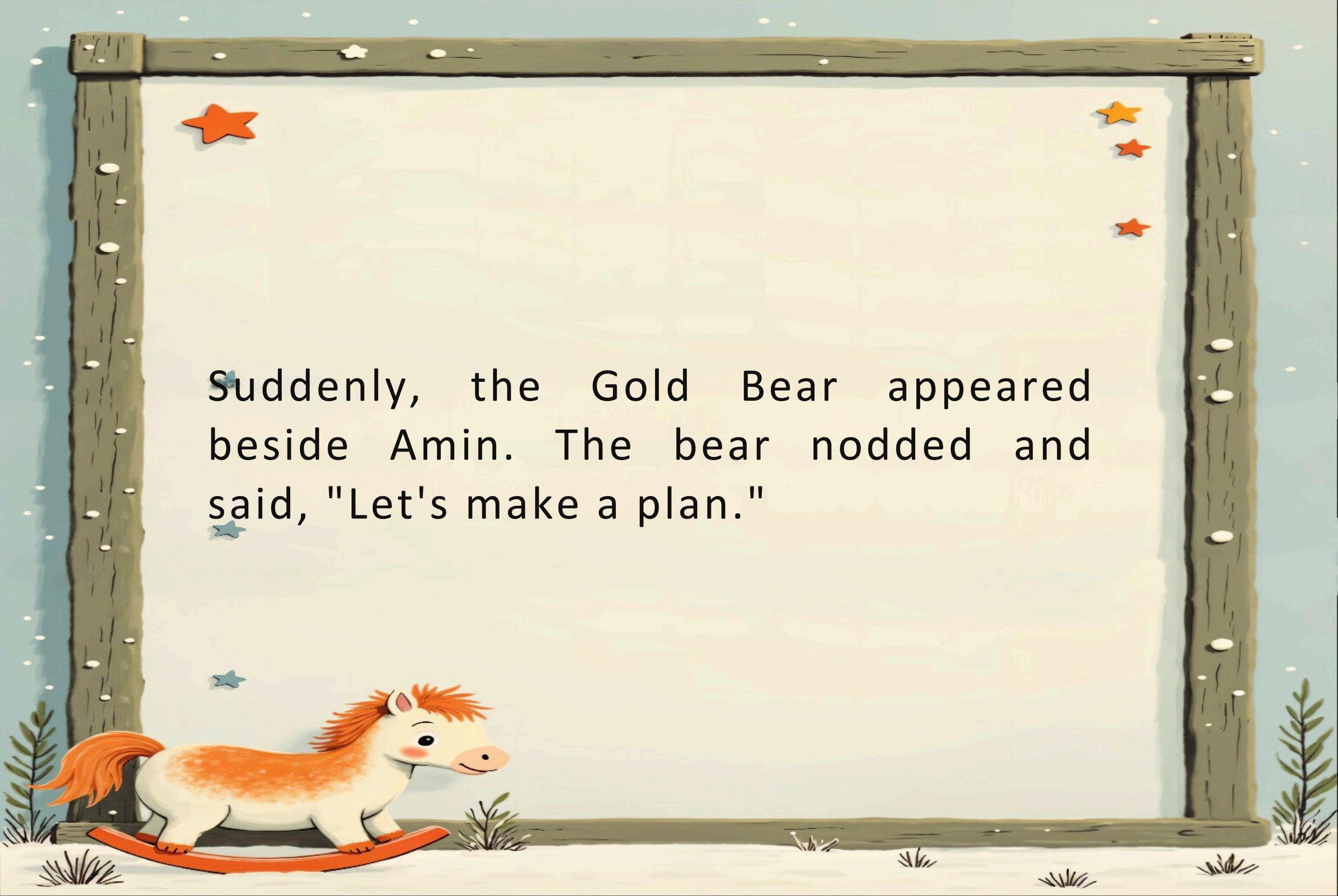
Cesar frowned. "But I don't want to do homework right now!" he replied.



A whimsical illustration of a wooden frame with a white background, decorated with stars and a rocking horse. The frame is made of dark brown wood and is set against a light blue background with falling snow. The white background has a faint grid pattern. There are several stars: one large orange star in the top left, three smaller orange stars in the top right, and three small blue stars on the left side. In the bottom left corner, a white and orange spotted rocking horse is shown. The ground is covered in snow with small tufts of grass.

Amin said, "Your grades could go down.
Homework comes first."





Suddenly, the Gold Bear appeared beside Amin. The bear nodded and said, "Let's make a plan."





Gold Bear added, "Do your best, I know you can!"





Amin continued, "We'll play just like you say, but work comes first today."



PROBLEM SOLVING

1. A number is 10 more than 5. What is the number?

2. A number is 5 less than 10. What is the number?

3. A number is 10 less than 20. What is the number?

4. A number is 5 more than 15. What is the number?

5. A number is 10 more than 30. What is the number?

6. A number is 5 less than 40. What is the number?

7. A number is 10 less than 50. What is the number?

8. A number is 5 more than 60. What is the number?

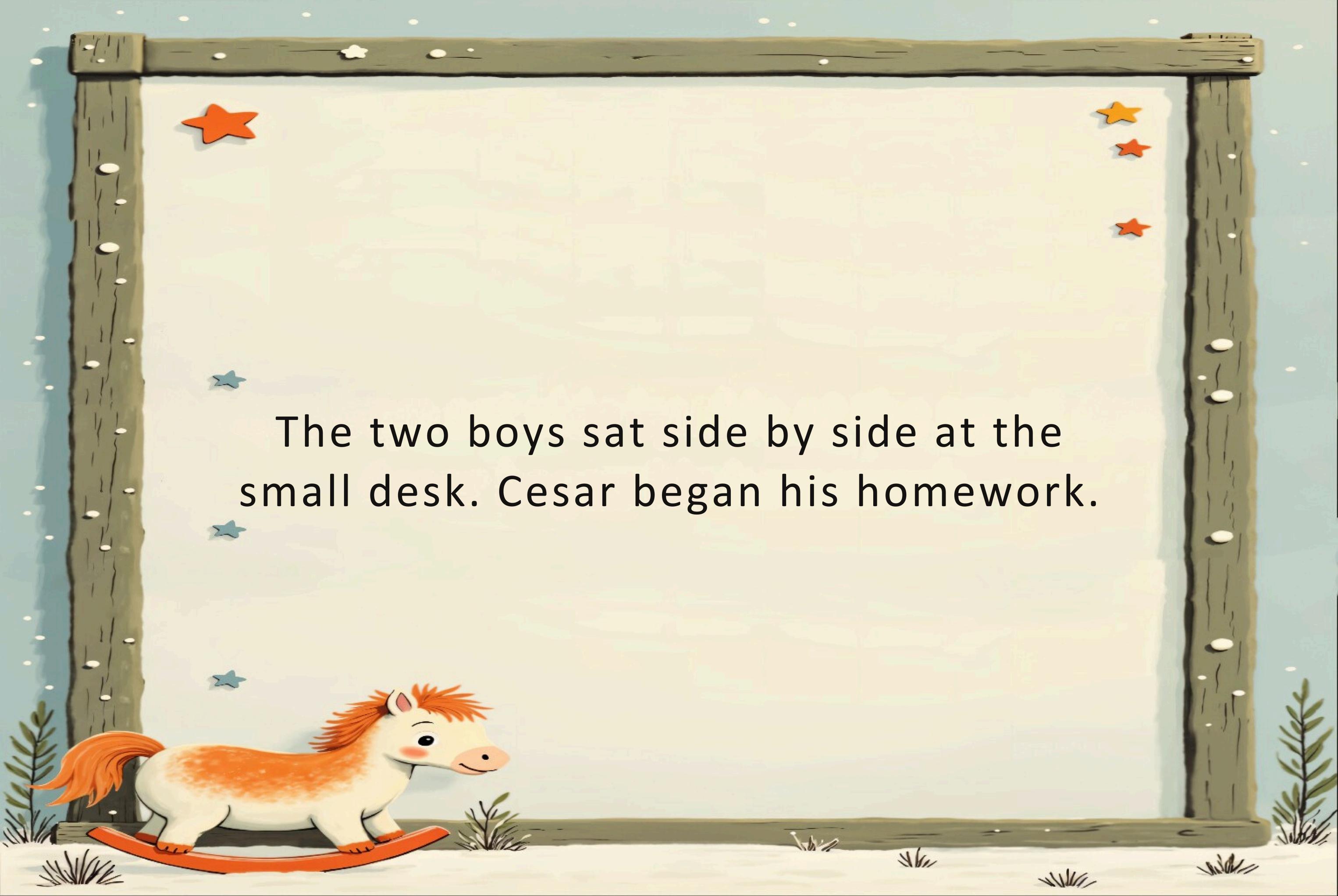
9. A number is 10 more than 70. What is the number?

10. A number is 5 less than 80. What is the number?



Cesar thought for a second, then
nodded and agreed.





The two boys sat side by side at the
small desk. Cesar began his homework.





Amin helped by reading the instructions,
making it easier for Cesar.



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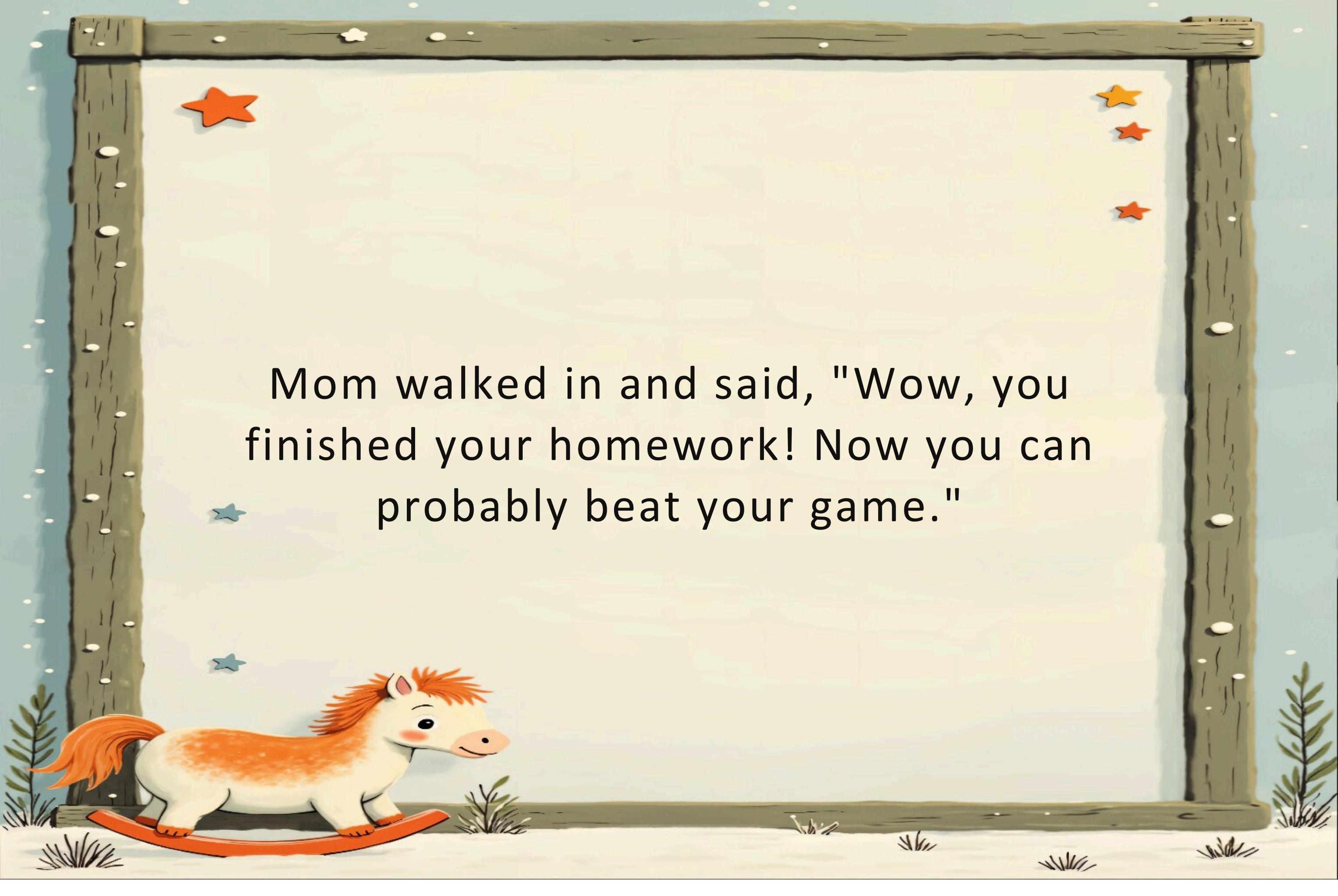
Cesar finished the last answer and
cheered, "Done!"





Amin smiled back. "Now it's time to play!"





Mom walked in and said, "Wow, you finished your homework! Now you can probably beat your game."



A whimsical illustration of a wooden frame with a white background, decorated with stars and a rocking horse. The frame is made of dark wood and has a white background. There are several stars: one large orange star in the top left, three smaller stars (one orange, two red) in the top right, and three small blue stars on the left side. In the bottom left corner, a white rocking horse with an orange mane and tail is shown. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflakes. The ground is white with some small green plants.

The boys started playing their game together, laughing and enjoying it more than before.



Work first
Play

Work First Then Play



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Then Play



Then Play

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Cesar said, "I'm glad I finished first.
It feels good to play without worry."





Gold Bear chuckled and said, "That's
the smart way to do things!"



Amin added, "When we make a plan and get things done, we feel proud!"





Cesar gave Gold Bear a high five.
"Thanks for the help!" he said.





The boys tidied up the workspace,
still chatting and smiling happily.





Both shouted together: "Hooray!
When you put work before play
each day!"

What happens when it's time to choose between play and responsibility?

Meet Amin and Cesar-two fun-loving five-year-olds who learn that putting effort into schoolwork first, helps Cesar understand why finishing homework matters.

At first, Cesar just wants to keep playing games. But with a little encouragement, he discovers how good it feels to make a plan,

This joyful story shows that:

- Responsibility means making smart choices-even when it's hard.

Hard work builds confidence and freedom. Planning ahead helps make time for both work and play.

