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Vocabulary List 4 Practice

I Hate It When My Brother Charlie Has to Go Away.

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My parents constantly _____ with what to do with him.

They tell me how sick he is. That I am lucky for having a brain that isn't _____ by an improper setup. When I complain about how bored I am without a little brother to play with, they answer _____ and make me feel bad by pointing out that his boredom likely far surpasses mine, considering he is confined in _____ in a dark room in an institution.

I always _____ them to give him one last chance. Of course, they did at first. Charlie has been back home several times, each shorter in duration than the last. Every time without fail, it all starts again. The _____ neighborhood cats with guts hanging out showing up in his toy chest, my dad's razors

found dropped on the baby slide in the park across the street, mom's vitamins replaced by bits of dishwasher tablets. My parents are _____ now, not giving into my pleas for a last chance for Charlie. They say his disorder makes him charming, makes it easy for him to fake normalcy, and to _____ the doctors who care for him into thinking he is ready for rehabilitation. That I will just have to put up with my boredom if it means staying safe from him.

I hate it when Charlie has to go away. It makes me have to pretend to be good until he is back.

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beguile	belie
brandish	chafe
curtly	decant
deign	disdain
embellish	entreat
eviscerated	fealty
fetters	gluttonous
grapple	grisly
hoard	impede
intransigent	invidious
kindred	kinsmen
lavish	loathsome
luminous	marred
minion	omen
plagiarism	plight
posterity	pyre
reconnoiter	surcease
surmise	tribute
undaunted	venture
wanton	wield