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M = mom

D = dad

S = me

R = bro

A = sis

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M: We should move to a different city.

D: Well how would we sell this house?

D: I agree, we should go to Austin.

R: Hey mom, hey mom, mom, mom.

M: No, we should go to Corpus

M: (Ugh) what, honey?

Christi.

R: My Lego guy has a yellow hand and a

A: STOP FIGHTING!

blue hand!

D: Sweetie, we are NOT fighting.

M: (sarcastically) Cool, let Mommy and

R: UGH! Stupid cats.

Daddy talk.

M: What did they do, honey booboo?

R: Ok, fine.

R: They messed up my Lego set!

D: Well first we would need to find jobs in

M: Ok, you can fix it, right?

Austin—

R: Sure.

M: Corpus, Ron!

D: Ok, first we would need to find jobs in D: Susan! She can do it on her own!

CORPUS so we could pay for another house. M: Fine.

M: Yeah we would. A: Stop FIGHTING!

S: (enters room suspiciously) What up yo? M: WE ARE NOT FIGHTING!

M: Nothing. D: Susan! Talk nicer to the kids!

D: We want to move to Aus— M: You yell at them—

M: CORPUS, Ron, Corpus. D: When they do the wrong thing!

D: fine. Corpus Christie, honey. M: Fine.

A: STOP IT GUYS! S: How do you spell <sup>(y to i)</sup>**cities**?!

M: We are NOT fighting! D: Figure it out, Sara!

S: DAD!!! S: I tried!

D: What! M: Come here, Sara!

S: How do you spell <sup>(y to i)</sup>**cities**? S: What?

D: Why! D: Let me see your homework.

S: It's my homework! S: Ok.

D: Figure it out. R: I need toilet paper!

M: It is c-i-t- M: Amy, GET YOUR BROTHER TOILET  
PAPER!

D: Ok, it starts with a C.

A: No I'm not.

S: C-i-t-y-s, right?

M: Stop it, you two. And Sara would be the

D: No.

crazy baby.

M: Guess again, honey.

D: Susan! They're not <sup>(y to i)</sup>**babies**, they're just

D: Ok, so it's c-i-what?

kids.

S: I said c-i-t-y-s!

M: Sara, do your homework.

D: No, it has 2 i's and no y's.

S: But I don't know how to spell <sup>(y to i)</sup>**cities**.

D: Yes.

D: C-i-t-i-e-s. There, now finish your

S: Ok, then c-i-t-y-s, citys.

homework.

M and D: NO!

S: Fine.

S: Dang it!

HW: You live in San Antonio, TX. What is

D: Don't say that, it hurts me to hear

San Antonio?

you talk like your mother.

S: (writes) San Antonio is a city. A crazy

A: I didn't say the D word.

and happy city! One of the <sup>(y to i)</sup>**craziest**,

S: You call Amy a goody goody and she

<sup>(y to i)</sup> <sup>(y to i)</sup>**happiest cities** anywhere.

<sup>(y to i)</sup>can't cuss! And she's the **craziest** baby.

<sup>(y to i)</sup>(And I never learned to spell **cities** until a while ago.)

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