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The brothers hurried to prepare the bread, but not carefully. They didn't **sift** the flour. They were careless and **sprinkled** too much salt into the **mixture**. The **dough** needed to be soft and **flexible**, but the salt made it into a **lump** that was as hard as a **brick**.

The younger brother **uttered** a sigh. "Now we have to start again," he said.

"No, we don't," the older brother replied. "I'll fix it. I just need to make the dough flat again and add water to it."

He decided to hit the ball of dough with his **fist** to make it flat. But he **hit** it so hard that it flew right off of the table and knocked over a glass, which **shattered**. The dough then crashed into the kitchen window's **shutters** and **crumbled**. Luckily, the brothers were not **injured**, but they did make a huge mess.

A **slight** mistake now became a major problem. The brothers had **ruined** the kitchen. Just then their mother returned. She saw the mess and became **flushed** with anger.

"Now you can't play," she said. "Instead, you have to clean the kitchen. I want this kitchen to be so clean that it may **sparkle!**"

The brothers cleaned the floor and **expressed** their sorrow to their mother. Soon, they were **reconciled**. But there was no bread, and it was too late to play. They realized that trying to do something quickly often makes more work.

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"Mẹ phải sửa xe," bà ấy nói. "Khi mẹ trở về, nếu bánh mì đã sẵn sàng, các con có thể chơi."

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Hai anh em vội vã chuẩn bị bánh mì, nhưng không cẩn thận. Chúng đã không rây bột. Họ đã bắt cần và rắc quá muối vào hỗn hợp. Bột nhào cần mềm và dẻo, nhưng muối đã làm cho nó thành một cục cứng như gạch.

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Đứa em trai phát ra tiếng thở dài. "Bây giờ chúng ta phải bắt đầu lại," cậu bé nói.

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"Không, chúng ta không cần làm", người anh trai trả lời. "Anh sẽ sửa nó. Anh chỉ cần làm cho bột nhào phẳng ra nữa và thêm nước vào đó."

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Anh ấy quyết định đánh vào quả bóng bột nhào bằng tay để làm phẳng nó. Nhưng anh ấy đã đánh vào nó quá mạnh,以致打破了一个玻璃杯。面团撞倒了厨房窗户的百叶窗，碎了。幸运的是，兄弟俩没有受伤，但他们确实弄了一个大大的乱七八糟。

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Một sai lầm nhỏ đã trở thành một vấn đề lớn. Hai anh em đã làm hỏng nhà bếp. Ngay khi mẹ họ trở về. Bà ấy thấ

"Now you can't play," she said. "Instead, you have to clean the kitchen. I want this kitchen to be so clean that it may **sparkle**!"

"Bây giờ các con không thể chơi," bà ấy nói. "Thay vào đó, các con phải lau nhà bếp. Mẹ muốn nhà bếp này sạch sẽ, và nó có thể lấp lánh!"

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Hai anh em lau dọn sàn nhà và bày tỏ với mẹ sự buồn rầu của mình. Ngay sau đó, họ đã giảng hòa. Nhưng không có bánh mì, và đã quá muộn để chơi. Họ nhận ra rằng cố gắng để làm điều gì đó nhanh chóng thường làm cho công việc nhiều hơn.