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This task is about adding words to a text so it makes sense.

The following piece of writing has some spaces where words are missing.

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You are able to change answers as you go.

When you have filled in all the spaces, re-read the text to check that the whole piece of writing makes sense.

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There are screams coming from outside the house. It's my little brother who's screaming, and when I run outside, I can see why he's screaming so loudly. I don't know what to do. All ¹ can see is my little brother's back, ² legs and his head wedged tightly in the gap ³ the steps Dad has made. I yell for Mum ⁴ she's not here. "Please, Mum," I think, "Please ⁵ back soon!" I'll just have to listen to the screaming ⁶ wait till someone comes. Suddenly I see ⁷ coming in the gate. She runs towards us, calling ⁸, "What's wrong? What's wrong?" She kneels down ⁹ my brother, holding him firmly. She looks carefully ¹⁰ the steps. Then suddenly everything is quiet. My ¹¹ stops screaming. My mother is holding him under ¹² arms and pulling him gently across towards the ¹³ side of the steps. His head turns around ¹⁴ he slides across between the steps, until at ¹⁵ he is able to free it completely. He ¹⁶ out. I look at the steps again. Now ¹⁷ can see what the problem was. The steps ¹⁸ not the same height at each side. The ¹⁹ at one side is bigger than the gap ²⁰ the other side. My brother put his head ²¹ the big gap and moved his head along ²² see what was under the house. Then ²³ couldn't get it out again. Mum is hugging ²⁴ brother, telling him everything is all right. "Don't ²⁵ ever put your head between those steps again," ²⁶ says. He won't. I know he won't.