



THE AWKWARD GATHERING

Vocabulary list

Reunion – a meeting of family or friends after a long time

Nervously – in a worried or shy way

Gained weight – to become heavier

Cousins – children of your aunt or uncle

Took a deep breath – breathed in to stay calm

Calm – not stressed or nervous

Pet – an animal you keep at home

Snake – a long, thin animal with no legs

Screamed – yelled loudly in fear or surprise

Frozen – not moving (because of fear)

Brightly – with a happy or excited face

Blink – to open and close your eyes quickly

Oops – a small word we say when we make a mistake

Crossed his arms – body language that shows someone is upset

Choked – when something gets stuck in your throat

Tense – not relaxed, full of stress

Box tipped – the box fell over

Mashed potatoes – soft potatoes you eat with dinner

Loose – not inside a box or cage anymore

Laugh or cry – not sure how to feel because something is so crazy

Mirror – something you look in to see your face

Texted – sent a message on your phone

Snoring – loud breathing while sleeping

Madness – total craziness or chaos

Joined – became part of something



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Key Vocabulary: Emotions

Word	Meaning (Simple)	Example Sentence
Happy	Feeling good, smiling	I am happy to see my family.
Nervous	Worried or scared about something	Emma feels nervous before the reunion.
Excited	Very happy and full of energy	The kids are excited to play.
Angry	Very upset or mad	Mom gets angry when we fight.
Embarrassed	Feeling bad or shy about something awkward	I was embarrassed when I dropped my plate.
Confused	Not sure what is happening	He looked confused at the dinner table.
Annoyed	A little angry or bothered	Emma was annoyed by the loud music.
Surprised	Feeling something unexpected	We were surprised when he brought a snake.
Scared	Afraid	Everyone was scared of the snake.
Tired	No energy, sleepy	Grandma felt tired after the meal.