

## Short Story

### Weak Student Model

#### Caught in the Bank Vault

1. *Weak introduction.*

Hayley and Dan got caught in a bank vault. How did this happen? Let me tell you.

They were investigating the old bank building that had been vacant for many years. They'd heard a funny noise and wanted to see for themselves. As they'd gotten to the old vault, they thought they were getting close to the noise. All of a sudden, the door shut.

Hayley and Dan were in the process of joining the Detectives Club. They liked to investigate things. That was how they'd gotten in the bank in the first place.

3. *Use parallel structure.*

Now they were trapped in the bank vault and they weren't knowing what to do next. When all of a sudden, they heard a voice saying Well are you happy now? I wondered how long it would take you to show up.

5. *Use correct punctuation for quotations.*

Next the lights went out. They were doomed. They knew nobody would ever come to find them in this old building and whatever it was that had trapped them would be able to do whatever it wanted with them because it knew nobody would come looking here.

7. *Dialogue would make this paragraph more effective*

Dan started to yell at whatever it was that had trapped them. Hayley said not to make it mad because it might be meaner to them. Dan said how could things get worse, when all of a sudden the door opened. They heard somebody laughing.

"I wondered how long it would take you to finally investigate," the voice said. "I've been making noises here for a long time, and I wondered when you'd finally get around to investigating! Welcome to the club. You've passed the nosy test," said the voice.

It was Ann. She was the President of the Detectives club. She'd been playing a trick on them. They were glad it was just a trick.

2. *The word should be themselves.*

4. *Watch sentence fragments. Join sentences for a smoother paragraph.*

6. *Choppy and repetitious. Antecedent of they in second sentence is unclear.*

8. *Weak ending. Short, choppy sentences.*