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# Answers



1. Why is Amir late?

**Amir is late because his alarm clock didn't go off.**



2. Find and copy one example of the author using exaggeration for effect.

**... for the millionth time in a row.**



3. What do you think will happen next?

**Accept sensible answers which relate to the text, such as: I think that Amir will use his new alarm clock and will be on time when he next meets up with Caleb.**



4. Compare how Amir is feeling in the second paragraph to how he is feeling in the third paragraph.

**Accept an appropriate comparison, such as: In the second paragraph, Amir is feeling disappointed because he thinks that Caleb has gone to find other friends. In the third paragraph, he realises that Caleb was there all along and he is delighted to receive a Valentine's Day gift from him.**