Name _____

Grumpy Groundhog

Gary and Garfield are groundhogs, and they are brothers, but they have very different personalities. Gary likes to sing and talk and laugh. He always greets his forest friends with a cheerful smile. Garfield is quiet and likes to keep to himself. He reads and sleeps a lot. When he goes for walks, he prefers to go alone. Gary and Garfield share a warm, comfy burrow, but sometimes Gary's cheery disposition drives Garfield crazy. Today is one of those times. Gary is very excited because it's Groundhog Day, that wonderful holiday when groundhogs peek out from their winter hibernation.

"Look, Garfield, it's cloudy! I can't see my shadow. That means spring is almost here! Isn't that wonderful?"

"Fabulous," Garfield replies with a disinterested grunt.

"Oh, don't be so grumpy," Gary says. "Let's go for a nice long walk."

"Maybe tomorrow," says Garfield.

Gary ignores him and steps gleefully out into the fresh air. Suddenly, he feels very hungry and imagines that his grumpy brother must be pretty hungry too. He decides to find them both a tasty snack to celebrate Groundhog Day.

Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

1. Gary and Garfield are _____.
2. Garfield is _____ brother.
3. Gary and Garfield live together in a _____.
4. Garfield has a _____ personality.
5. Gary is _____ because today is Groundhog Day.
6. When Gary goes outside, he doesn't see his _____.
7. Not seeing his shadow means _____ is almost here.
8. Gary decides to find a tasty _____ for Garfield.

WORD BANK

spring
shadow
grumpy
burrow
groundhogs
Gary's
snack
excited

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