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Brian's family was moving, and he didn't like it. Brian and his dad had just finished painting his room in colors Brian got to pick out, and he even got a new desk for his birthday. His room was perfect! Now his family was moving to the other side of the state and he was going to have to share a room with his little brother.

"No way am I sharing my room!" Brian repeatedly shouted at his mother. His shouting didn't change anything; however, it just got him into time outs. Brian hated time outs.

It was the day before the big move and Brian still hadn't packed up his room. "Brian, please pack up your stuff," his mother would beg. "We need to move tomorrow."

"Nope," Brian replied. I'm staying here. That night, Brian's Uncle John took him to a movie. When Brian got back, all of his stuff was packed. His entire room was empty.

"Dad!!!" he yelled. "Dad, come down here." Brian was furious. "I want my stuff back now!" Brian's dad sat on the edge of the bed and motioned him to sit.

"Brian," he began. "You are too old for this kind of behavior. I know you don't want to move, but we have to for my job. You don't want me to get fired, do you?"

"No," Brian said softly. "I don't want you to get fired. I just don't want to move."

"Tell you what," his father began. "If you help us move and stop being so defiant, I will let you pick your room first when we get to the new house."

"Any room I want?" Brian asked excitedly.

"Yep; any room you want."

"Deal," said Brian. Brian went into the hallway and picked up a box to take out to the truck. He stopped before heading out the door. "Thanks, Dad," he said.

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Questions:

1. Why is Brian so upset?

2. Why doesn't Brian want to move?

3. Why does Brian's family have to move?

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5. What solution did Brian's Dad come up with?

Bonus Question:

1. What does the word "defiant" mean? How was Brian being "defiant."

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Answers:

1. Why is Brian so upset?

He has to move across the state with his family.

2. Why doesn't Brian want to move?

He just got to paint his room and he thinks it is perfect. When they move, he is going to have to share a room with his little brother.

3. Why does Brian's family have to move?

Brian's Dad got a new job.

4. Where did Brian's Uncle John take him? Why?

He took Brian to a movie so his parents could pack his room because Brian refused to.

5. What solution did Brian's Dad come up with?

If Brian helped move, he could pick his room in the new house before everyone else.

Bonus Question:

1. What does the word "defiant" mean? How was Brian being "defiant?"

It means to be "deliberately and openly disobedient." Brian was being defiant by refusing to pack his room even though he knew his family was moving.