

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! A REALLY BAD DAY

(And Why You Need
Emergency Savings)

A Mad Lib adventure that
proves why saving for
unexpected disasters is a
must!

Instructions:

Fill in all the blanks with the silliest
words you can think of—but don't peek
at the story until every blank is filled in!
Then read your version out loud. Get
ready to laugh AND learn why having an
emergency fund is so important!



"The Worst First Day Ever!"

Today was my first day as a professional _____ walker, and I was
(animal)
ready to take on the world! I leashed up all of my _____
(adjective)
_____ legged crew and set off to _____.
(number) (a place)

But before I got _____ of the way there, I _____ right into
(fraction) (past-tense verb)
_____ and spilled _____ all over their _____!
(famous celebrity) (liquid) (noun)

"_____!!" they yelled, while I stood there _____ and
(Exclamation) (verb ending in -ing)
covered in _____ slime. Suddenly, a group of _____
(adjective) (adjective)
_____ noticed and started _____
(professionals - ie., nurses, lawyers) (verb ending in -ing)
toward me!

I ran as fast as I could, but the goop had gotten all over my
_____ and then—OH NO!—I _____ right into a huge
(body part) (past-tense verb)
_____. I let go of the leashes and the _____ scattered in
(noun) (same animals)
every direction. I was still being chased by the crowd, so I _____
(past-tense verb)
into a _____ shop to hide. I didn't notice that _____ of my
(noun) (number)
runaway crew had followed me in, and they soon began _____
(verb ending in -ing)
into everything. _____, _____, _____
(Sound effect), (new sound effect), (new sound effect)

The store owner ran out _____ at me. Shelves toppled, things
(verb ending in -ing)
crashed, and an expensive-looking _____ hit the floor! Everything
(noun)
was broken. And I was in trouble!

I needed emergency savings to:

- 1 Buy a _____ to clean up the _____. Cost: \$ _____
(noun) (noun) (number)
- 2 Replace the shop owner's favorite _____. Cost: \$ _____
(noun) (number)
- 3 Buy a _____ to catch my runaway crew. Cost: \$ _____
(noun) (number)

👉 **Total Cost of My Bad Day:** \$ _____
(add 3 numbers from above)

But WAIT... I had saved just enough at _____ to cover
(banking institution name)
this emergency. Otherwise, I would have had to sell all of my favorite
_____ to pay off this disaster.
(plural nouns)

REAL-LIFE REFLECTION PROMPT

EMERGENCY SAVINGS CHALLENGE!

Think of one real-life emergency savings goal you might need in the future (like fixing a bike or paying for a pet emergency):

My real emergency savings goal is:

How much do you think it would cost?

A graphic of a check with a large dollar sign (\$) on the left and a blank line for the amount on the right.

How do you plan to save for it?



