

**The Chest**  
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**What's in the chest?  
Is it a toy? Is it a toy box?**

**I don't know if it's just an empty chest.  
Is there paper? Is there a pen? Is it a trap?**

**I don't know if it's just an empty chest.  
Is there a doll? Is there a ball?**

**I don't know if there's just a little chest inside.  
What if there is just some paper and pencils.  
I'm opening it.**

**Wait - should I ask or should I pass, or should I just open it?  
I'm scared! What if there is a scary doll inside?**

**I don't know why I'm so shy now. Usually, I'm so brave.  
Ok here we go. 1,2,3...wait a minute. It's just a book.**

**I don't know what's in there.  
Just paper and words, or should I just wait?  
Now I'm brave. I will do it!**

**I don't know, maybe I will just stop for today.  
Or should I just tell papa and mama?  
I made up my mind, I'm going to...**