I Can’t Sleep

Look at the pictures. What do you see?

Do you have a smoke alarm in your home? What sound does it make?

Mark lives in an apartment. He has a daughter. Her name is Margo.

Mark and Margo are sleeping. They hear a loud noise. BEEP, BEEP, BEEP. It is dark in the bedroom. Mark can’t see. He turns on the light. Now it is quiet.

Mark and Margo go back to sleep. The noise starts again. BEEP, BEEP, BEEP. Mark turns on the light. He sees the smoke alarm. It is beeping! But there is no smoke. There is no fire. Mark doesn’t understand. What’s the matter?

All night the smoke alarm beeps. It starts and it stops. It is hard to sleep. In the morning Margo is very tired. Mark calls the apartment manager.
“I have a problem,” Mark says.

“What’s the matter?” asks the manager.

“My smoke alarm is broken. It is beeping but there is no fire,” Mark says.

“It needs a new battery,” says the manager. “I can come tomorrow.”

“It is hard to sleep,” says Mark. “Please come today!”

Write YES or NO.

1. _______ 1. There is a fire in the apartment.
2. _______ 2. It is hard to sleep.
3. _______ 3. Margo is Mark’s son.
4. _______ 4. The smoke alarm is beeping.
5. _______ 5. The manager will bring a battery.

Write the answers.

6. What’s the matter? ____________________________________________

7. Why is Margo tired? ____________________________________________

8. Who does Mark call? ____________________________________________

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