

Upper Elementary Summer Reading 2023

Dear Parents,

IT'S SUMMER TIME! Along with playing in the sun and relaxing I encourage students to continue sharpening up their reading skills.

For students **remaining in Upper Elementary**, you will be reading

1. "How to Eat Fried Worms" by Thomas Rockwell

Attached are questions and vocabulary review with an accompanying flip-book book report.

Handwriting and coloring should be neat and legible. All sections should be completed in student's handwriting. Students will be receiving three grades for their work (one for Reading, Language Arts, and Spelling). I encourage students to have a reading schedule to avoid any last-minute stress. Reports are due First day of school! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Happy Reading!

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Upper Elementary

School Supply List 2023-2024

5	Composition Notebooks (Black & White) Wide Ruled Only
2	Packs of Wide Ruled Lined Paper
6	Glue Sticks
5	Packs of Cap Erasers (white Hi-Polymer Pentel) PLEASE
1	Pack of Black Sharpies (for Art)
2	Bottles of Elmer's School Glue
4	Packs of Crayola Crayons
2	Packs of thick markers
3	Packs of Crayola Colored Pencils
1	Pack of highlighters
3	Packs of 24 pencils
1 each	YELLOW, PURPLE, RED, AND GREEN Plastic Duo-tangs (with pockets)
Donations to the School	
8	Reams of white Copy Paper
2	Reams of Colored printer paper
1	Pack of Play-doh
1	Expo Cleaner spray Bottle
4	Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
1	Pack of Baby Wipes
2	Tubs Clorox Disinfectant Wipes

**** Do not label composition books**

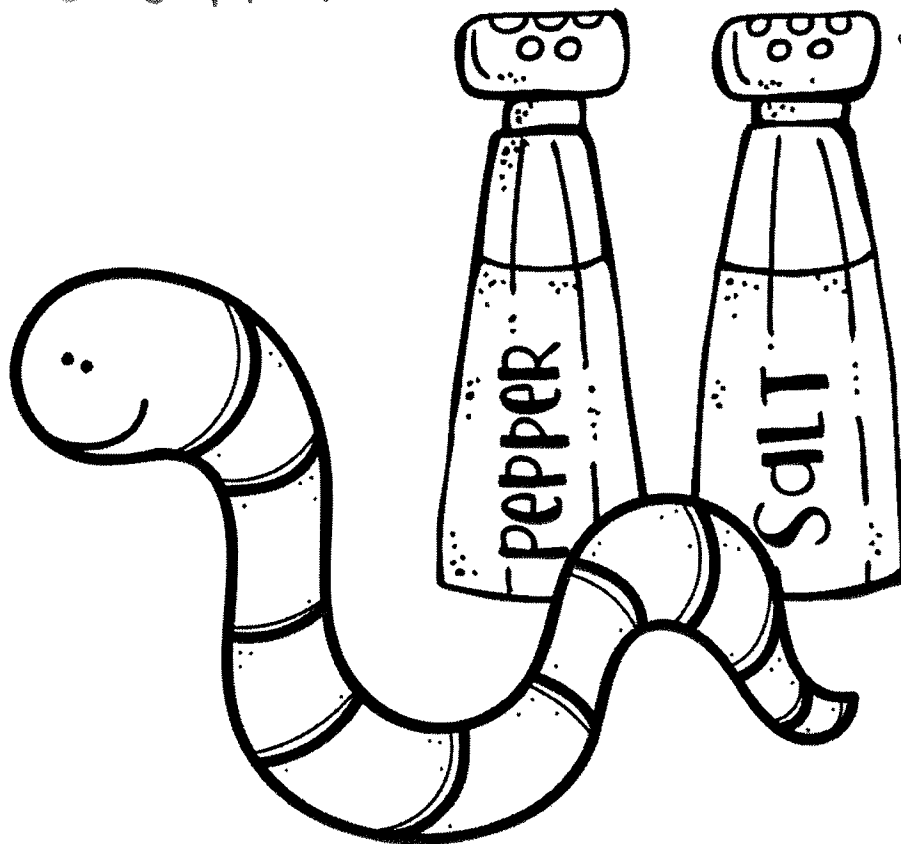
**** Mandatory School Agendas are included in the school book fee.**

***** Note: Yellow Duo-tangs are for homework, not blue**

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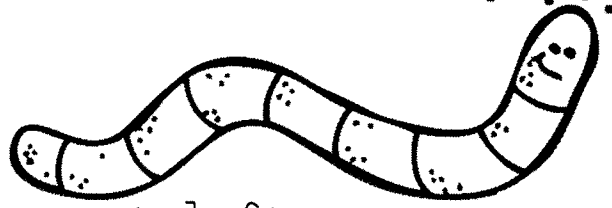
How to Eat FRIED WORMS

Summer reading



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• Chapters 1-10



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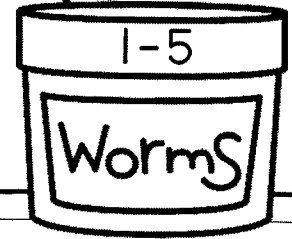
casserole devious daub chaff keel
obsequiously loll flourish fink limp

	Showing dishonesty and trickery to reach goals
	To grow healthy
	Too eager to help or obey
	To put on something (like cream) with quick movements
	A dish baked and served in a deep pan
	To fall over
	To walk with difficulty
	To hang loosely and droop down
	An unpleasant person
	Leftover, chopped bits of farm crops like seeds or hay

BONUS! Use one of your vocabulary words in a sentence.

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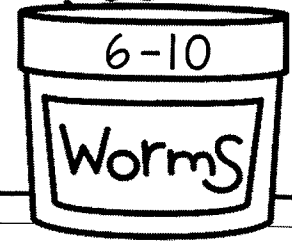
Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 1	1. Who bet Billy that he couldn't eat the worms?
Ch. 1	2. What did Billy want to use the money for if he won the bet?
Ch. 2	3. Where did the boys agree to <u>not</u> get Billy's worms from?
Ch. 2	4. Which character was trying to pick the <u>easiest</u> worm for Billy to eat?
Ch. 3	5. Why was Billy doing push-ups and jumping jacks?
Ch. 3	6. What were some of the items Billy put on the orange crate to help eat the worm?
Ch. 4	7. How did the boys cook the first worm?
Ch. 4	8. What was a night crawler?
Ch. 5	9. What were Alan and Joe worried about in Chapter Five?
Ch. 5	10. What did Billy do last summer that showed how stubborn he was?

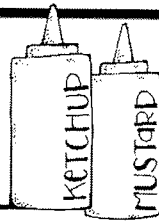
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Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 6	1. What did Billy say the worm tasted mostly like?
Ch. 6	2. Why did Joe and Alan make Billy open his mouth up and look in?
Ch. 7	3. How did Tom want to cook the worm to make it better for Billy?
Ch. 7	4. What bothered Billy <u>the most</u> about eating the worm?
Ch. 8	5. What did Tom tell Billy to think about while eating the third worm?
Ch. 8	6. How do you think that would help Billy?
Ch. 9	7. What is the title of Chapter Nine?
Ch. 9	8. Who were Alan and Joe talking about in Chapter Nine?
Ch. 10	9. What kind of sauce did Billy use to help him eat the fourth worm?
Ch. 10	10. Why do you think Joe told the story about his mother fainting and his father getting upset?

Name _____



CHAPTERS 1-10

Number the events in the order they occurred in the story.

	Tom fried a worm for Billy.
	Joe told Billy that his mom had fainted the night before.
	Alan bet Billy fifty dollars he couldn't eat fifteen worms.

For each question below, circle the BEST answer.

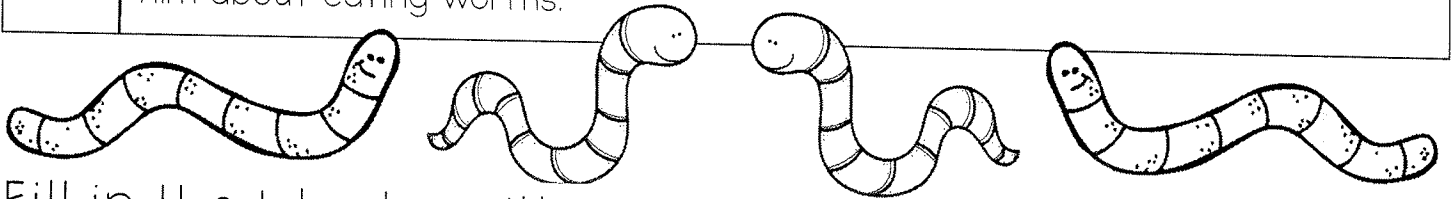
- Why did Tom's mother keep him in the night before?
 - As punishment for not eating dinner
 - To stay out of the rain
 - As punishment for stealing peaches
- Which worm did the boys choose to give to Billy first?
 - The worm from the manure pile
 - The night crawler
 - The baby worm
- Which character trait best describes Billy?
 - stubborn
 - angry
 - worried
- How did Tom help Billy with the bet?
 - He sang silly songs and made funny faces while Billy ate the worm
 - He smothered the worm with mustard and ketchup
 - He made Billy think of fish while Billy ate the worm
- Why did Joe say his mother and father were so worried Joe had eaten a worm?
 - He was trying to make Billy worried about eating worms
 - He wanted to make Billy feel sorry for him
 - He was trying to warn Billy that worms make people faint

Name _____

CHAPTERS 1-10

Write T for True or F for False next to each statement below.

	Billy wanted fifty dollars to help his Dad pay bills.
	It was difficult for Billy to eat the worms.
	Joe fried a worm in breading for Billy to eat.
	Tom sang a silly song about Fish to help Billy.
	Joe told Billy that his mom had fainted the night before to try and worry him about eating worms.



Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word.

casserole devious daub chaff keel

1. The _____ burglar tried to sneak into the bank.
2. " _____ the whipped cream onto the cake."
3. My mom put the tuna noodle _____ in the oven.
4. After the big shock, he felt dizzy and began to _____ over on the floor.
5. The farmer told us to clean out the _____ from the horse feed buckets.

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Close Reading Ch. 7

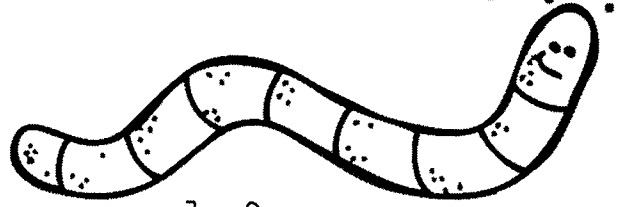
Read the passage from the story below. Use what you know from the story, as well as details from the text in your answer.

“It’s not really the taste,” said Billy. “It’s more the thought. When I start to eat it, even though it’s smothered in ketchup and mustard and grated cheese, I can’t stop *thinking* worm. Worm, worm, worm, worm, worm, worm: gaggles of worms in bait boxes, drowned worms drying up on sidewalks, a worm squirming as the fishhook goes into him, the soggy end of a worm dragging out of a dead fish’s mouth, robins yanking worms out of a lawn. I can’t stop thinking worm.”

1. What is the main idea of the passage? Make sure to use a supporting detail in your answer.

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Chapters 11-20



Write the word next to the correct definition.

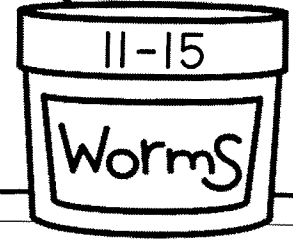
hayloft trousers rumple jostle treacle
serene offhand gnaw virtuous neutral

	to wrinkle
	a high platform inside of a barn reached by a ladder
	without thought; in a calm and cool way
	calm and peaceful
	having high moral standards
	pants
	to bite or nibble persistently
	not helping either side in a disagreement
	to roughly push or bump against
	molasses; a sticky and sweet, brown syrup

BONUS! Use one of your vocabulary words in a sentence.

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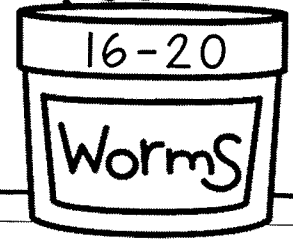
Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 11	1. Billy wanted _____ to eat a piece of the worm.
Ch. 11	2. Circle the setting where Billy had been eating the worms.
Ch. 12	3. How do you think Billy felt when he heard Alan and Joe whisper they thought he was going to quit?
Ch. 12	4. Whose trousers did Billy wipe his hands on when he was done eating?
Ch. 13	5. What did Alan ask his father to show him at night?
Ch. 13	6. Why was Alan having trouble sleeping?
Ch. 14	7. What was Billy's dream about?
Ch. 14	8. What did Billy worry was causing his stomach pains?
Ch. 15	9. What did Billy's mother want to do when she found out he had been eating worms?
Ch. 15	10. What did Billy's father say about eating the worms?

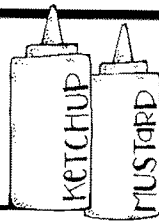
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Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 16	1. Describe how Billy ate the sixth worm.
Ch. 16	2. How did Alan and Joe <u>expect</u> Billy to feel about the sixth worm?
Ch. 17	3. What was Billy reading while he ate the seventh worm?
Ch. 17	4. Why do you think Billy was ignoring Tom?
Ch. 18	5. Why did Alan say it was no fair to put on a lot of mustard?
Ch. 18	6. Do you think it was fair to put on a lot of mustard? Explain.
Ch. 19	7. What was wrong with the ninth worm?
Ch. 19	8. How did Billy find out there was something wrong with the ninth worm?
Ch. 20	9. Why did Alan and Joe come to speak with Mrs. Forrester?
Ch. 20	10. What did Mrs. Forrester agree to do with the worms?

Name _____



CHAPTERS 11-20

Number the events in the order they occurred in the story.

	Mrs. Forrester agreed to help with the bet.
	Billy thought that eating the worms was causing stomach pain.
	Alan and Joe tried to cheat by gluing two worms together.

For each question below, circle the BEST answer.

1. Why did Billy want Tom to eat a piece of the worm?

- a) To prove to the other boys that Tom was on his side of the bet
- b) So that he did not feel so alone when he ate his worms
- c) To prove it was not supposed to be dangerous to eat

2. Why did Alan call Joe in the middle of the night?

- a) He had a nightmare about losing the bet
- b) He could not sleep because he was worried about the bet
- c) He wanted to warn Joe's mom about needing the fifty dollars

3. Which character wanted to call Dr. McGrath after finding out about the worms?

- a) Billy's mother
- b) Billy's father
- c) Both of Billy's parents

4. How do readers know that Billy was not so worried about eating worms anymore?

- a) He ate the worm offhand, while reading a comic book
- b) He listened to the nurse tell him that worms would not make him sick
- c) He ate the worm quickly, with one hand behind his back

5. Why did Alan and Joe tell Billy's mother about the bet?

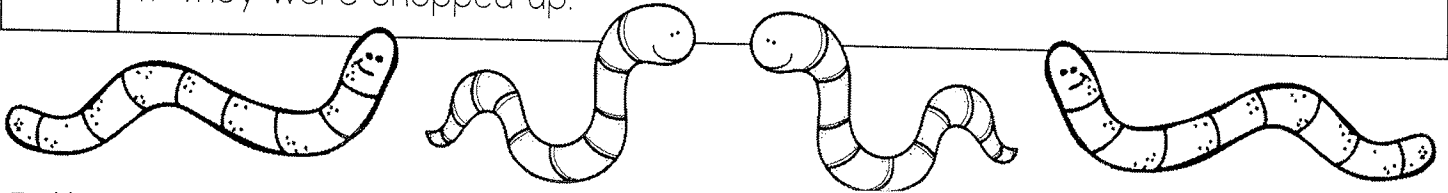
- a) They wanted to do the right thing
- b) They did not want to get in trouble
- c) They wanted Billy to get in trouble

Name _____

CHAPTERS 11-20

Write T for True or F for False next to each statement below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom did not eat a worm.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan could not sleep because he was worried about the bet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billy's father wanted to call Dr. McGrath.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan and Joe did not want Billy's mother to know about the bet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe and Alan decided a new rule would be that Billy could not eat worms if they were chopped up.

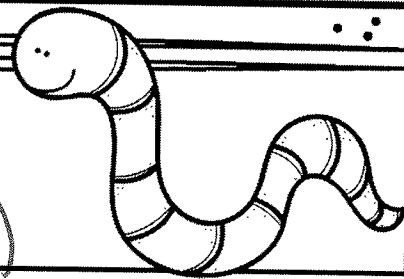


Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word.

serene treacle rumple hayloft neutral

1. The _____ country did not fight in the war.
2. I do not like when people _____ my hair.
3. Dad poured sticky _____ over the cake.
4. We went to the beach for vacation. It was _____ and peaceful.
5. We hid in the _____ so Uncle Jim could not find us and make us do chores.

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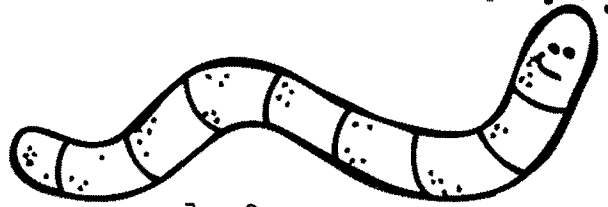
Opinion Writing Ch. 19 (one paragraph)

Do you think Billy should have won the bet automatically after he caught Alan and Joe cheating?

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• Chapters 21-30



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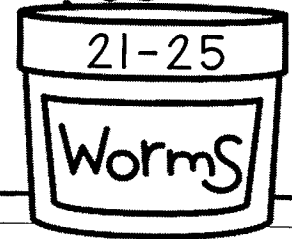
drippings midst protrude bloat slid
doubtful slump scuttle repetition furtive

	a quick shuffling run
	to stick out from
	in a sneaky way to try and avoid trouble
	to become swollen and full
	the act of saying or doing something again and again
	the fat melted from a roasted meat
	to sit or fall heavily and limply
	in the middle of
	feeling uncertain
	moved smoothly across a surface

BONUS! Use one of your vocabulary words in a sentence.

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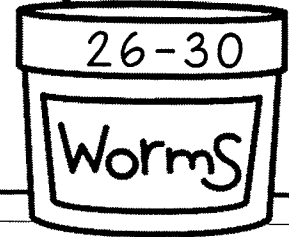
Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 21	1. How was Billy's dinner different from his family's in chapter 21?
Ch. 21	2. Who asked Mrs. Forrester to use her cookbooks for worm recipes?
Ch. 22	3. Describe what Mrs. Forrester created for Billy's eleventh worm.
Ch. 22	4. What did she serve that special eleventh worm creation in?
Ch. 23	5. Where was Alan planning to take Billy?
Ch. 23	6. Why was Alan planning on buying a lot of junk food for Billy?
Ch. 24	7. What did Billy cook for his twelfth worm dish?
Ch. 24	8. Do you think Billy believed Alan had really given up?
Ch. 25	9. What was Billy doing when Alan dropped him off at home?
Ch. 25	10. Why did it matter that it was almost midnight when Alan dropped Billy off?

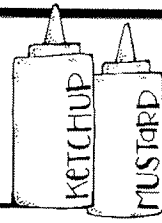
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Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 26	1. Who did Billy go to for help with finding a worm?
Ch. 26	2. How would Billy have to eat the worm on the night of the baseball game?
Ch. 27	3. Why did Billy and Tom use the siren to wake everyone up?
Ch. 27	4. What did Billy do right after eating the thirteenth worm?
Ch. 28	5. Why do you think Alan's father was angry?
Ch. 28	6. What did Alan and Joe have to say to every house in their neighborhood?
Ch. 29	7. Who got into a fight over the bet?
Ch. 29	8. Where did Tom want Mrs. Forrester to take Billy?
Ch. 30	9. What did the fathers want the boys to do?
Ch. 30	10. Where were the fathers going to take the boys if they followed directions?

Name _____



CHAPTERS 21-30

Number the events in the order they occurred in the story.

	Alan took Billy to the Mets game.
	Mrs. Forrester made Billy a Whizbang Worm Delight.
	Alan, Joe, Tom, and Billy got into a fight.

For each question below, circle the BEST answer.

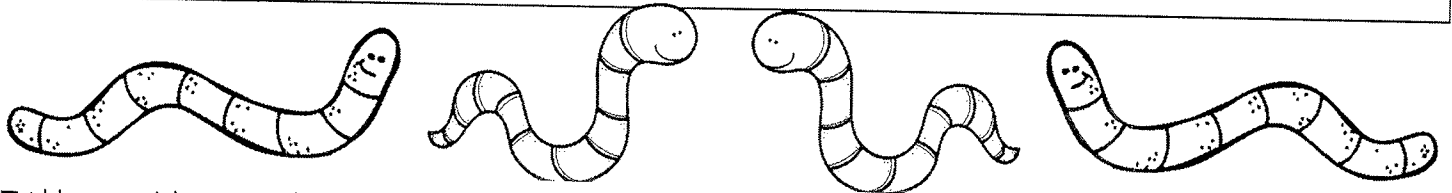
1. What did Billy's father suggest doing to the worms?
 - a) He offered to throw them away in the garbage himself
 - b) He told Mrs. Forrester to use her cookbooks to cook them
 - c) He told Billy to quickly eat them all at once
2. Why did Alan invite Billy to the baseball game?
 - a) He wanted to trick him into eating too much stadium food
 - b) He wanted to makeup for trying to cheat on the bet
 - c) He wanted to show Billy that he could still be a good friend
3. How did Billy eat the worm after the baseball game?
 - a) Fried
 - b) Boiled
 - c) Raw
4. Why did Tom want Billy's mother to bring Billy to the doctor?
 - a) Billy was sick from eating extra fried worms
 - b) Billy was hurt after a fight with Alan
 - c) Billy was burned on the hot frying pan
5. What did Alan's father and Billy's father agree that the boys should do.
 - a) Arm wrestle and then have the loser buy milkshakes
 - b) Shake hands and be friends again before going to Friendly's
 - c) Flip a coin to see if they would be friends again

Name _____

CHAPTERS 21-30

Write T for True or F for False next to each statement below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs. Forrester cooked tasty worm dishes for Billy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The boys came home from the baseball game very early.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom helped Billy find and eat a raw worm quickly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan and Joe had to apologize to the entire school.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The boys were hurt in a fight.



Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word.

midst

drippings

slid

furtive

bloat

1. Grandma poured the _____ over the roasting turkey in the pan.
2. Anna's teacher interrupted her while she was in the _____ of reading Harry Potter.
3. My belly started to _____ after eating the big meal.
4. Brian _____ down the tallest slide.
5. The burglar was never caught because he was _____ and sneaky.

Name:

Close Reading Ch. 22

Read the passage from the story below. Use what you know from the story, as well as details from the text in your answer.

"How'd you do it?" said Billy. "What's it called?"

"My word," said his father.

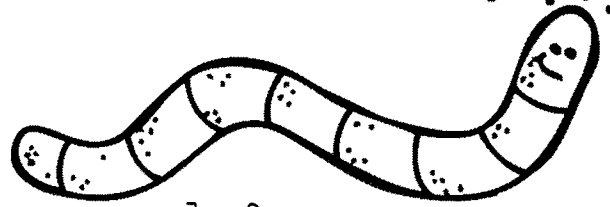
"Gosh, Mrs. Forrester," gasped Tom

On a silver dish in front of Billy lay an ice-cream cake bathed in fruit syrups-peach, cherry, tutti-frutti, candied orange-topped with whipped cream sprinkled with jelly beans and almond slivers.

1. How does the author show that Mrs. Forrester put a lot of effort into her worm dish and was proud of it?

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• Chapters 31-41



Write the word next to the correct definition.

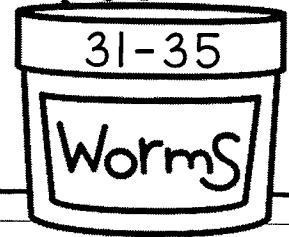
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mussed cistern babble heave smolder

	a grasping device made with two arms hinged like scissors
	to talk quickly and excitedly, sometimes in a foolish way
	to lift with great effort
	looked messy and rumpled
	an underground container for collecting rainwater
	to admit defeat
	to burn slowly, usually with smoke but no flames
	to trick or cheat someone, often illegally
	with little strength
	a relish of chopped vegetables and spices

BONUS! Use one of your vocabulary words in a sentence.

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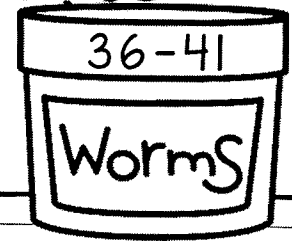
Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 31	1. Who was the letter sent to Mrs. Forrester signed by?
Ch. 31	2. What did the letter to Mrs. Forrester say?
Ch. 32	3. Why did Billy put down the peanut-butter-and-fried-worm sandwich?
Ch. 32	4. What did Mr. Forrester think of the letter?
Ch. 33	5. Which made Tom unsure if Mr. Forrester was right about the letter?
Ch. 33	6. Why did Billy grin at the end of Chapter Thirty Three?
Ch. 34	7. Joe said that Alan wanted to load the last worm with _____.
Ch. 34	8. How did Billy think the last fish tasted?
?Ch. 35	9. How did Billy know there was something wrong with the last worm?
Ch. 35	10. What had Alan done to try and trick Billy with the last worm?

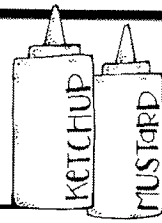
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Chapter by Chapter Questions



Ch. 36	1. Where did Alan lock Billy?
Ch. 36	2. Where did Alan want to put Billy <u>next</u> ?
Ch. 37	3. Who let Billy out and stopped Alan?
Ch. 37	4. Why do you think Mr. Forrester did not let Billy finish the worm?
Ch. 38	5. How did Billy feel after being sent to his room?
Ch. 39	6. What did Mrs. Forrester tell Tom about Billy?
Ch. 40	7. Who helped Billy get the last worm he needed to win the bet?
Ch. 40	8. Describe <u>how</u> Billy got the last worm up to his room.
?Ch. 41	9. Where was Alan while Joe, Tom, and Billy had lunch at the end of the book?
Ch. 41	10. What did Billy eat for lunch by the riverbank?

Name _____



CHAPTERS 31-41

Number the events in the order they occurred in the story.

	Billy kept burping after eating a worm Alan cooked him.
	Billy was locked in the cistern by Alan.
	Billy's little brother brought a worm up to him.

For each question below, circle the BEST answer.

1. What did the letter from Dr. McGrath say?

- a) He wanted Billy to stop eating worms
- b) He wanted to write an article on Billy's worms
- c) He wanted to cancel Billy's appointment

2. What did Billy's father say *fulmar* really meant?

- a) A poisonous dirt
- b) A worm secretion
- c) A type of seabird

3. How did Alan try and trick Billy for the last time?

- a) He sent a message to his father
- b) He loaded it with red pepper
- c) He cooked beans, not worms

4. Who stopped Billy from finishing the last worm when he came out of the cistern?

- a) Dr. McGrath
- b) His father
- c) Joe

5. Why was Billy eating a worm-and-egg on rye for lunch at the end of the book?

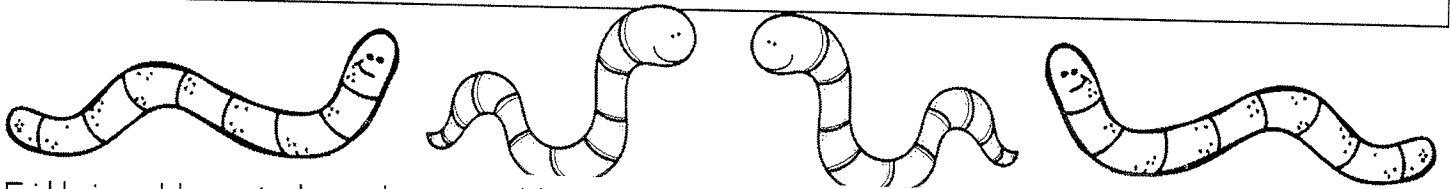
- a) He started to like the taste of worms
- b) He made a new bet with Tom for the minibike
- c) Alan tricked him into eating it after work

Name _____

CHAPTERS 31-41

Write T for True or F for False next to each statement below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. McGrath sent Mrs. Forrester a letter in the mail.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billy knew he had eaten a fake worm because he burped up beans.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom and Mrs. Forrester saved Billy from being locked in the cistern.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pete gave Billy the last worm in an Easter basket.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billy did not get the minibike as a prize for winning the bet.



Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word.

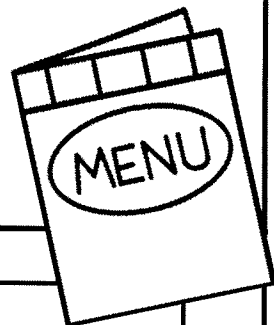
tongs piccalilli babble concede cistern

1. I used the _____ to turn over the hot dogs.
2. The presidential candidate needed to _____ that she lost the election.
3. Grandpa daubed some _____ on his deli sandwich.
4. Use the water from the _____ to water the garden.
5. My little sister was liked to chatter and _____.

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Party Menu

Create a menu that would be served in the story.



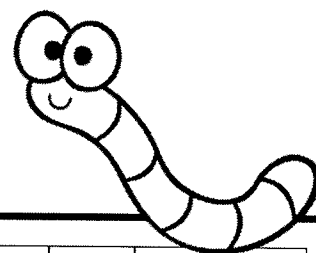
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Why do these dishes fit the setting of the story?



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How to Eat Fried Worms



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ALAN	WHIZBANG	BET	DEVIOUS
TOM	CORNMEAL	MINIBIKE	STUBBORN
JOE	FRIED	HONESTY	DELICIOUS
FORRESTER	FISH	RIVERBANK	TUTTI FRUTTI

Title of Book: _____

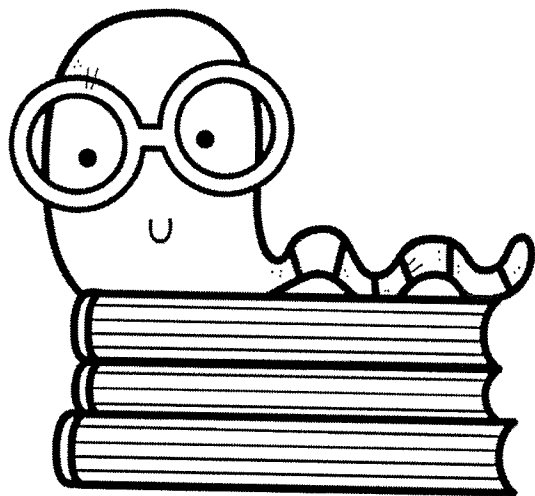
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MY BOOK REPORT

Fiction

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss



Name: _____

TEMPLATE 1 : COVER

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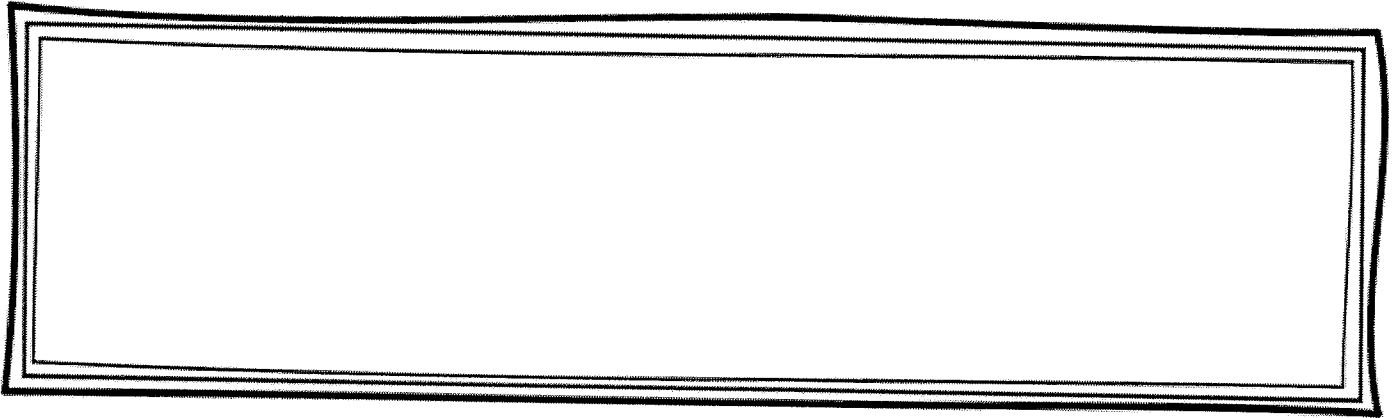
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When and where does the story take place? Draw a scene and write about it.



Four horizontal lines for writing.



THE SETTING

TEMPLATE 2

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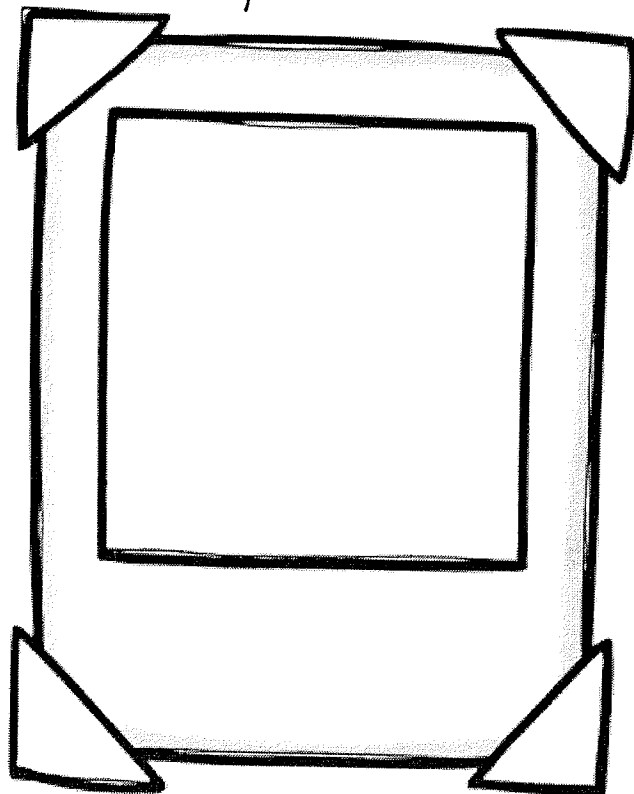
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Who are the main characters? Write briefly about them. Draw a portrait of your favorite character.

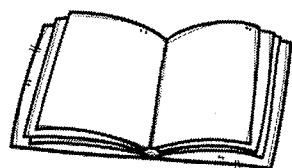
My Favorite!



CHARACTERS

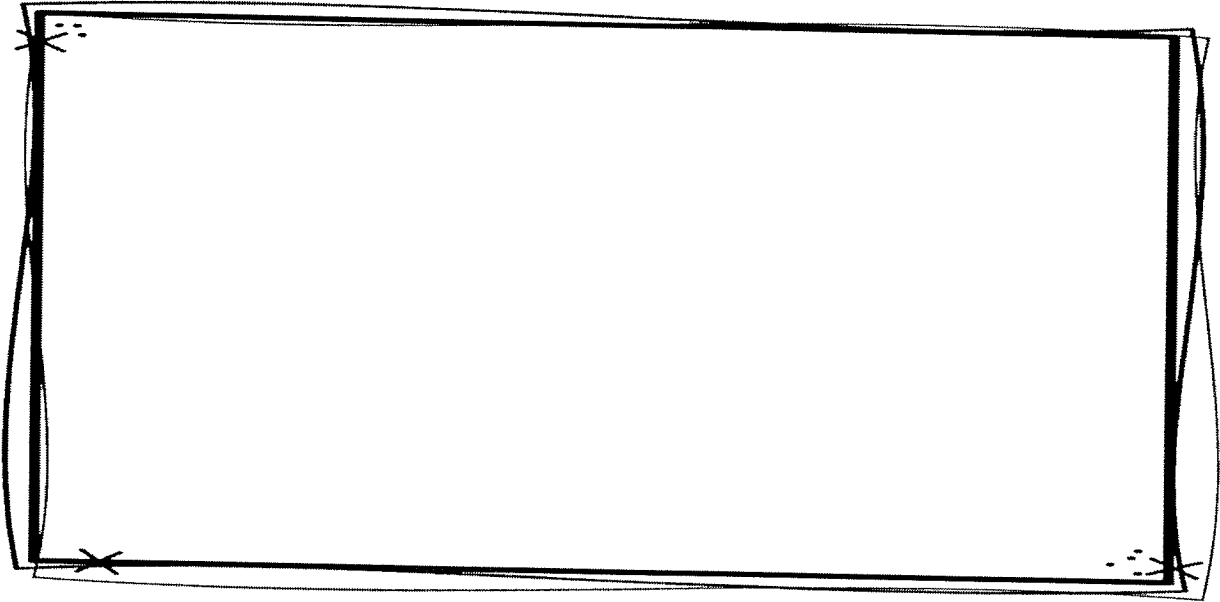


Briefly explain what happens in the book. Be sure not to give away any surprises. Think about the beginning, middle, and end.



THE SUMMARY

How do you feel about the book? Why do you feel this way? Would you recommend this book to other readers? Why? Draw your favorite scene.



Seven horizontal lines for writing a response to the questions above.

MY OPINION

