

Take the STRESS out of planning your Novel Study!



Comprehension and Analysis: Answer in complete sentences.

- Write about two strong emotions that Ralph experiences in this chapter, and explain why he has each of them.
- How does Ralph feel about pushing the younger mice around on his motorcycle? Why?
- Explain why the title of this chapter is important.

Beyond: Ralph's most prized possession is his motorcycle. Write about your most prized possession below, and explain why it is so important to you. Illustrate it.

1: RALPH HEARS A DISTANT BUGLE

COMPREHENSION

Quickwrite: Write about a time that you have felt misunderstood.

Multiple Choice: Choose the best answers.

- Where does Ralph often hide in the hotel lobby?
 - Under the sofa
 - Under the clock
 - In the vent
 - In a hole in the wall
- Choose the best word to describe Ralph's mother.
 - Anxious
 - Brave
 - Understanding
 - Unafraid

True or False: Mark T for True and F for False.

Ralph is bored with his motorcycle.

Ralph greatly respects Uncle Lester.

Ralph is forced to push the younger mice around on his motorcycle.

Ralph longs for peanut butter and jelly crumbs.

Ralph decides to run away.

Character Analysis: Write a quote and its page number from the text that supports the following statement.

Ralph feels resentful.

rousing
(verb) stirring and inspiring






vigorous
(adjective) lively and energetic

rumpled
(verb or adjective) untidy; disheveled

Name _____

OBSTACLES

Think about the characters in the story that are listed below. First, write what their goals or wishes are. Then, write what obstacles get in the way of their goals or wishes. Finally, write about whether they reached their goals or wishes, and explain how. Remember that some characters may have multiple goals, and that their goals may have changed throughout the story.

Character	Goals or Wishes	Obstacles	Did they reach their goals? Explain.
Ralph 			
Catso 			
Garf 			
Aunt Jill 			
Karen 			

Features Vocabulary & Comprehension for every chapter!

Consistent format allows for predictability and student confidence.

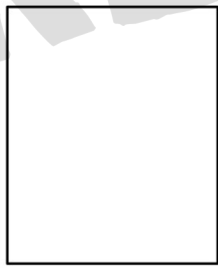
❖ **Comprehension and Analysis:** Answer in complete sentences.

1. What are two major problems that Ralph encounters in this chapter, and how does he solve them?

2. How does Ralph feel as he rides away from the hotel in the night? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

3. Predict what will happen next.

❖ **Beyond:** Write a diary entry about an event from this chapter, from any character's point of view besides Ralph. Include an illustration.



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Quickwrite prompts relate the text to the student.

Vocabulary words chosen for you.

♥ 2: The Open Road ♥ COMPREHENSION

❖ **Quickwrite:** If you could go anywhere, where would you go, and why?



❖ **Multiple Choice:** Choose the best answers.

1. Where does Ralph decide to go?
 - a. The shopping mall
 - b. A better hotel
 - c. The kids' camp
 - d. Matt's house
2. Who is Sam?
 - a. The hotel bellboy
 - b. The guard dog at camp
 - c. A gopher
 - d. Ralph's brother

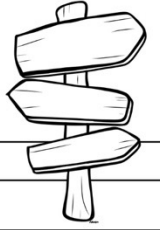
❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. Matt and Ralph can understand each other. ____
2. Ralph is surprised when Matt won't help him. ____
3. Ralph and Sam become immediate friends. ____
4. Ralph encounters a gopher. ____
5. Ralph is thrilled during his nighttime motorcycle ride. ____

❖ **Figurative Language:** Write a quote from the text that contains figurative language. Then, identify the type of figurative language.

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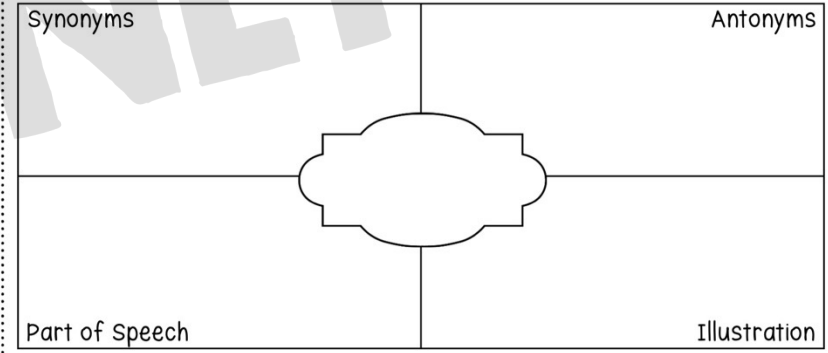
♥ 2: The Open Road ♥ VOCABULARY



1. Using a dictionary, complete the table below.

Word	Definition
vigorous	
astounded	
meek	

2. Choose one word and write it in the middle of the graphic organizer below. Then, complete the organizer.



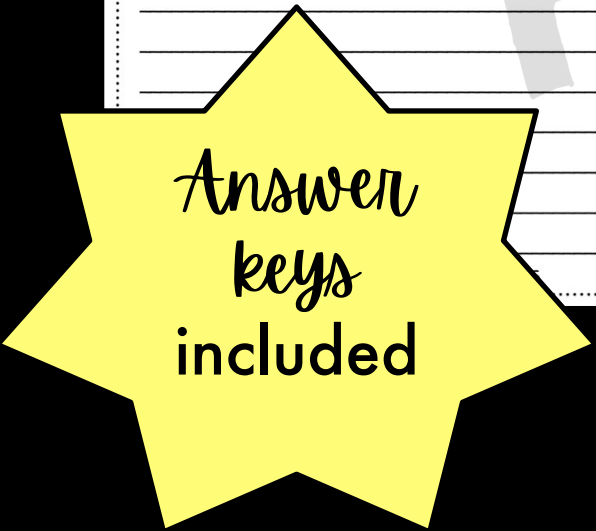
3. Choose the best vocabulary word for each sentence below. Write the word in the blank space.

- A. The girl was absolutely _____, as was evidenced by the expression of shock on her face.
- B. I felt _____ and ashamed as my mom scolded me for being so careless.

_____ puts and cheers, our entire class ran outside to _____ our extra recess.

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Variety of question types: True/False, Sequencing, Fill-in-the-Blank, and Written Response.



Vocabulary *focus*

3 words chosen for every chapter.

Black-and-white Flashcards

2 Vocabulary Reviews

Word:
rumpled

Definition:
untidy;
disheveled

Full-color Word Wall cards

rumpled
(verb or adjective)
untidy;
disheveled



perilously
(adverb)
dangerously



Word:
perilously

rousing
(verb) stirring and
inspiring



vigorous
(adjective)
lively and
energetic



Word:
rousing

astounded
(adjective
or verb)
surprised;
dumbfounded



meek
(adjective)
quiet and
submissive



Word:
vigorous

scampered
(verb) ran
with quick
light steps



dignified
(adjective)
proud and
distinguished



Vocabulary List

Chapters	Pg.	Word	Definition
1: The Open Road	2	rumpled	untidy; disheveled
1: The Open Road	9	perilously	dangerously
1: The Open Road	22	rousing	stirring and inspiring
1: The Open Road	25	vigorous	lively and energetic
2: The Open Road	28	astounded	surprised; dumbfounded

Vocabulary List comes with and without definitions

6. Below, list three reasons that someone might appear rumpled.

- A. _____
B. _____
C. _____

VOCABULARY REVIEW #1

♥ CHAPTERS 1-4 ♥

Review your vocabulary words by completing the questions below. Use a dictionary and/or thesaurus if needed.

1. Which of the following is an antonym for vigorous?
- dusty
 - frail
 - sturdy
 - mysterious

2. Which of the following is a synonym for dignified?
- proud
 - wealthy
 - unforgiving
 - restless



3. Choose the word that best completes the following sentence.
I shrieked and leapt up onto a chair as the frightened mouse _____ around on the floor.
- dignified
 - rumpled
 - rousing
 - scampered

4. Write the word meek in a complete sentence below.

5. List 2 synonyms for the word perilously below.

- A. _____
B. _____

in the following situation? Write your answer

her voice faltered.

sentence with a reasonable answer.

of scorn because _____

me to mind when you think of the word refuge.

that you find to be rousing.



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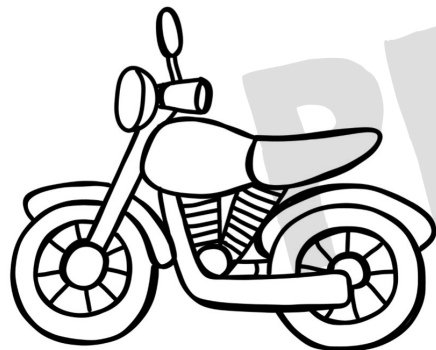
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Teacher Instructions

STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

RUNAWAY RALPH

by Beverly Cleary



Name _____

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PLOT

Ralph the mouse is tired of his life at the old hotel. When he runs away, he runs into some unexpected trouble.

SETTING

The story takes place at Happy Acres Camp.

CHARACTERS

- Ralph-an adventurous mouse.
- Garf-a boy who catches Ralph at Happy Acres Camp.
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About the Student Chapter Packet

Each student work for every section contains both comprehension and vocabulary.

The comprehension portion is 2 pages and contains 5 parts:

- **Quickwrite**-Have the students free-write here BEFORE reading the section. This gets their minds warmed up and thinking in the direction that the section will take them. This also helps them to connect the concepts in the story to themselves.
- **T/F, Sequencing, and/or Multiple Choice**-Two out of three of these are included for each section.
- **Standards Focus**-One question or activity is included that focuses on Reading Literature standards, like Theme, Figurative Language, or Character Analysis.
- **Comprehension and Analysis**-You will find that these three questions are at all levels of Bloom's Taxonomy, so are optimal for differentiation if needed. Use them all or choose just one or two for your students to complete.
- **Beyond**-The Beyond activities are a mix of fun activities, including art, graphic organizers, and text-to-self connections. They require the students to use their imaginations, and some upper-level thinking. You might even choose to use these as an option for early finishers.

- ❖ The vocabulary portion is 1 page and contains dictionary skills, thesaurus skills, the exploration of one word in depth, and context clue practice. A list of the included vocabulary words is included in the Vocabulary Section.

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