

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

George Wins a Ride

George was excited! A few weeks before, firefighters had come to his school. 13
 They talked about how to keep homes safe from fires. They also talked about a 28
 contest. To enter the contest, students had to write about how to stay safe if there 44
 was a fire in their home. 50
 George did not think he could win. It was his mom and dad who told him to try. 68
 He talked to his mom about what to do in case of a fire at home. Then he wrote 87
 down his ideas. 90
 When George heard his name called as the winner, he could not sit still. He was 106
 going to be the only student who got to ride in the fire truck! 120

Author's Purpose

	Purpose	Why do you think so?
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Imogene

The coloring books were in place, and the crayon box was full of sharp new	15
crayons. Imogene's favorite game was next to her favorite stuffed animal. Gus was	28
ready. Mom had to go the store, so she asked Gus to take care of Imogene. Imogene	45
would soon be awake. Gus looked at the toys again.	55
When Gus heard Imogene walking down the stairs, he stood up to meet her.	69
Imogene saw Gus, and she laughed with delight. Gus smiled and took her hand.	83
"What do you want to do first?" Gus asked.	92
Imogene's eyes became wide as she picked up the box of crayons.	104
"I thought you would want to color first," said Gus.	114
Gus smiled as Imogene sat on the floor and started coloring the pictures.	127

Draw Conclusions

Fact or Detail	Fact or Detail
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Conclusion	

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Clever Foxes

Foxes are clever animals. They can feel at home either in the city or on a farm.	17
<u>Some</u> animals cannot live where people live, but foxes do not mind if people live near them.	32
Foxes do not need to hunt for just the right kind of food. Foxes have been seen eating pizza! If they are not hungry, foxes will hide food. They dig a hole and put the food in the hole to eat later.	34
Foxes hunt at night. A good time to see them is when the sun is just coming up or going down. The next time you want to watch a beautiful and clever animal, keep your eyes open for a fox.	51
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Generalize

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Generalization

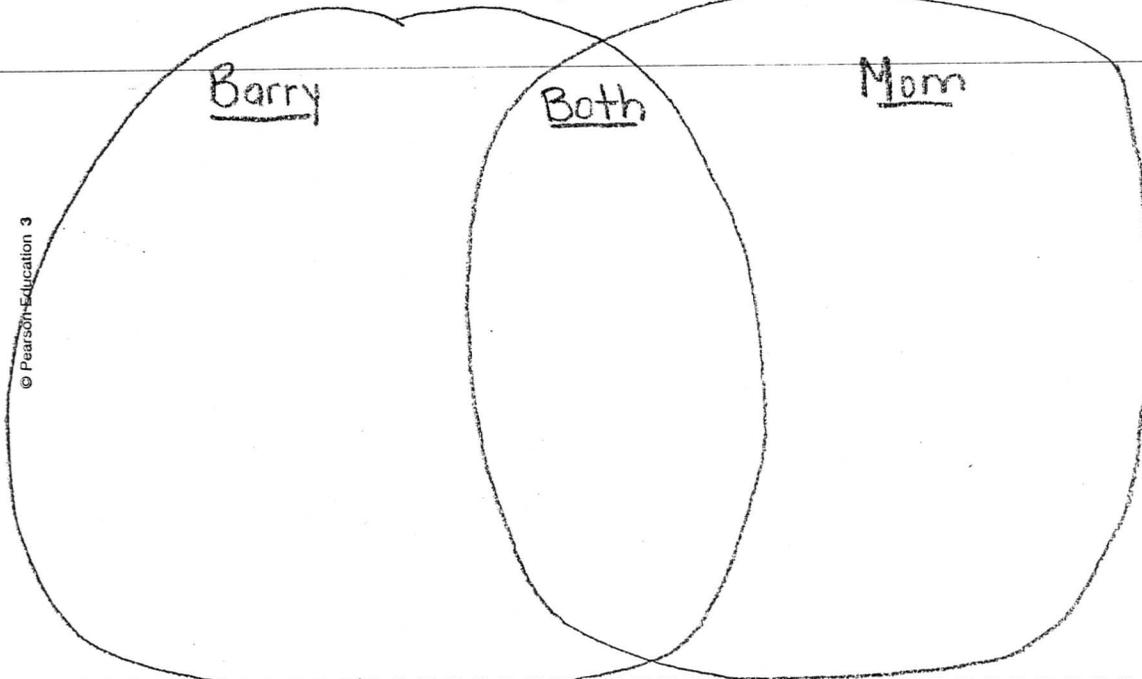
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Barry's New House

Barry's family is moving to a new house today. Barry sat on his bed with his	16
hands in his lap. Mom came into Barry's room to get more things to pack into	32
boxes.	33
"I don't want to move," Barry said.	40
"I know how you feel," Mom said. She told Barry that she was going to miss the	57
house and her friends. She was very nervous, too, because now she had to make	72
new friends. Barry was surprised. He wondered if parents feel scared about moving	85
too.	86
Barry walked over to Mom. She had her hands in her lap.	98
"Don't worry, Mom," Barry said. "You'll make new friends."	107
"You're right. Thank you for reminding me," Mom said.	116
Barry and Mom talked about moving to a new place as they packed up Barry's	131
toys and clothes together.	135

Compare and Contrast



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The Planet Ocean

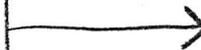
Our oceans were formed when Earth was very young. At first, our planet was very hot. Water did not exist in such heat because it would have boiled away. Then volcanoes filled the sky with steam. When Earth cooled down, the steam turned into water, and it rained on Earth for many, many years. This process created the first oceans.

Today, there are four or five oceans on Earth. The number is hard to say because it depends on how they are divided. The world's oceans are all connected. The same water runs through them all.

The oceans cover more than seventy percent of Earth's surface. Maybe we should call our planet Ocean instead of Earth.

Cause Why?

Effect What happens?



Cause

Effect

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Something Fishy

When you think of fish in the ocean, do you think of dolphins? Dolphins live in the ocean, but they are not fish. 16
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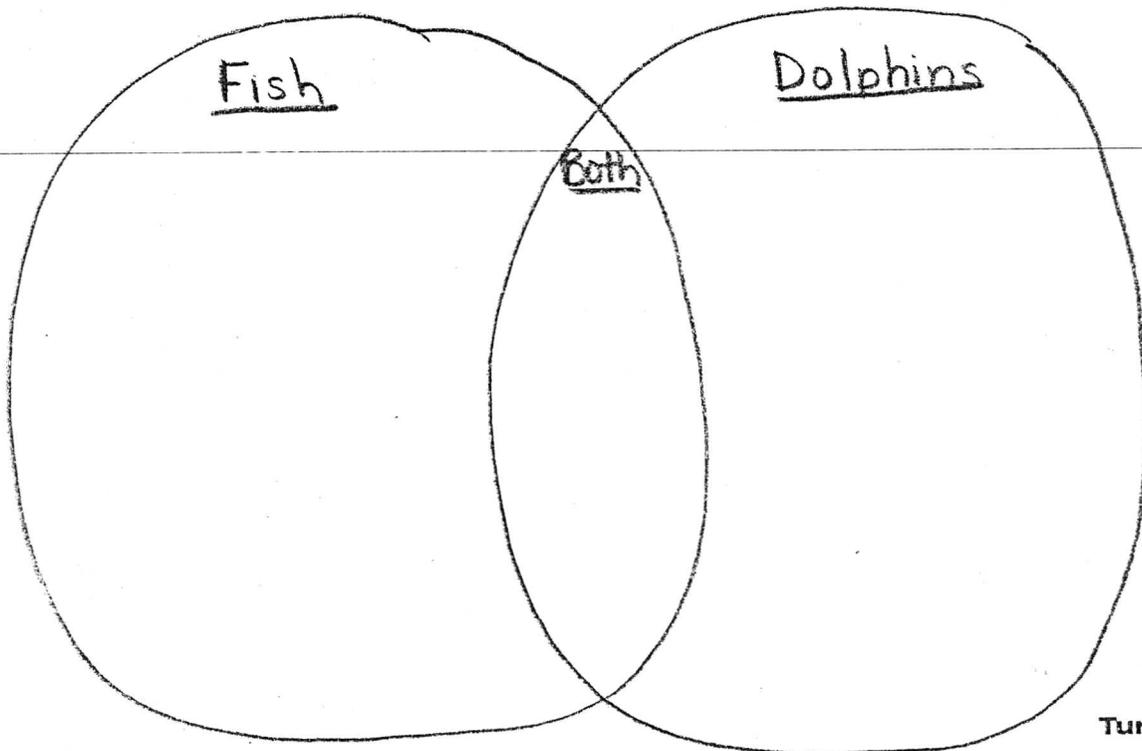
Both fish and dolphins need air to live, but they breathe differently. Fish do not have lungs. They have gills. They take in air from the water when water passes over their gills. 38
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Dolphins have lungs like humans, so they must come to the surface of the water to get air. They have small holes on the top of their heads where the air comes in and out. 71
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Fish and dolphins do not even swim the same way. Fish move their tails from side to side, but dolphins move their tails up and down. 106
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Fish and dolphins are different, but both are fun to watch. 128

Compare and Contrast



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The Day Off

David's school was closed today because of the snowstorm the night before.	12
Soon David and his friends were on their way to a nearby hill for some sledding.	28
The path was covered with snow and ice, so the boys had to be careful. However, they had a great time for most of the day.	44
When David got back home, his dad told him how lucky they were. Their lights were still on and their house was warm. Most other houses in town were cold and dark.	54
David's dad did not drive to work today. Many people did, and their cars slid into trees, fences, and even other cars.	69
David felt better when his dad told him not to worry because the storm was over now.	85
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Bicycle Safety

Riding a bicycle is the best way to have fun, but you should always wear something to protect your head. Many states have laws about bicycle safety. Your state may require you to wear a helmet when you ride. You should learn about the safety laws in your state.

The best kind of helmet should sit straight on your head and make contact with your head at all times. If you can move the helmet after you buckle the strap, it is not a good fit. Red helmets look the best.

Most helmets are padded and have a thin plastic cover. The plastic will make the helmet slide on the hard ground if you should fall. This protects your head and neck. Helmets do not cost a lot of money.

No matter when or where you ride a bicycle, be safe and wear a helmet.

Fact	How to Prove
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Opinion	Clue Words
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Where Was Max?

Every day when Nina got home from school, her dog, Max, was waiting to say	15
hello, but today when she walked into her house, Max wasn't there. <i>Where was</i>	29
<i>Max?</i>	30
She went to her room, but Max was not under the bed.	42
<i>Maybe Max was in the yard</i> , she thought. Nina looked in the bushes and near the	58
porch, but she could not find Max.	65
Nina was worried. She went back into the house and looked at the hook where	80
Max's leash should have been, but it was not there. Could someone have taken him?	95
Just then Mom came into the house with Max on his leash. "I took Max to get	112
the shots he needs to stay healthy," Mom said.	121
"I'm glad you're both home," said Nina, and Max barked in agreement.	133

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Plot

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Sparrows

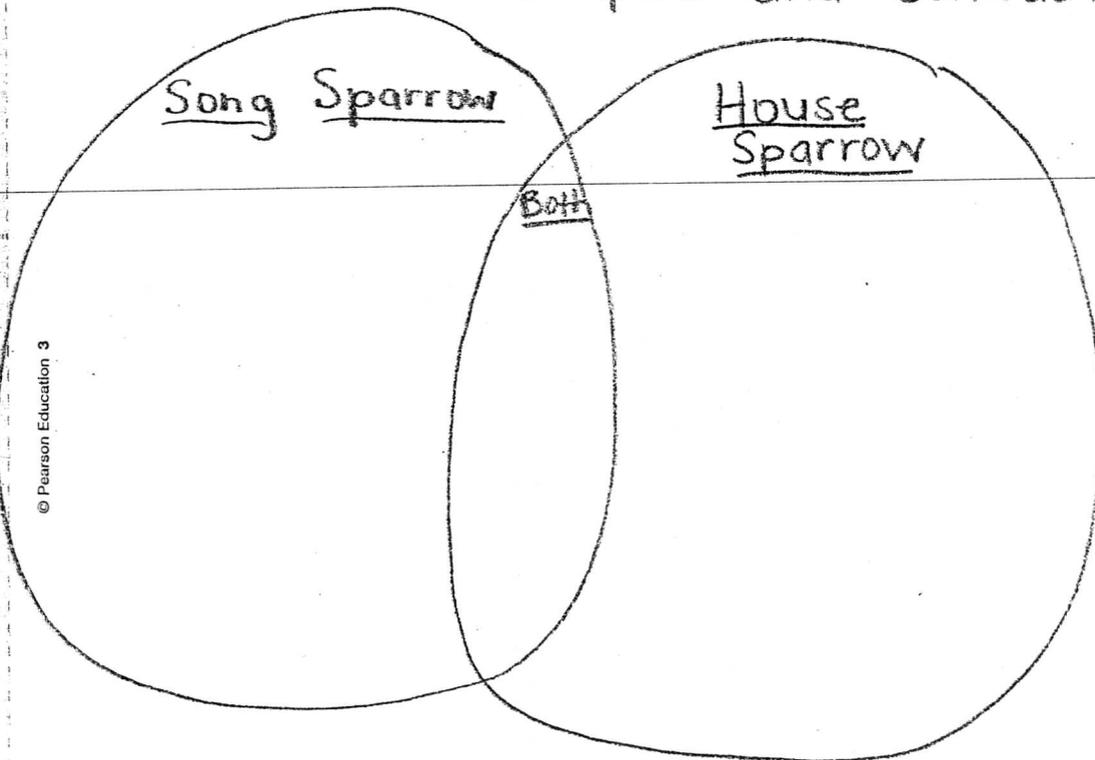
The song sparrow and the house sparrow are birds that look almost alike, but you can tell them apart if you know what to look for. The song sparrow and the house sparrow can be found in almost every yard in North America. The next time you see a sparrow, look at its chest. The song sparrow has a white chest with dark lines below its neck, while the house sparrow's chest does not have any lines.

Then look at its neck. All song sparrows have a white neck with two stripes on each side. But only the male house sparrow has a black neck and white cheeks.

Even their songs are not the same. A house sparrow sings "cheep, cheep." A song sparrow sings more varied notes.

The next time you see a sparrow in your yard, look at its chest and its neck. Then listen to its song. Hopefully, you will be able to see and hear the difference.

Compare and Contrast



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boys and girls ate popcorn with milk and sugar for breakfast.	40
Popcorn is easy to grow. Corn seeds are planted in warm weather. They grow into	55
tall plants with ears of corn. The ears are picked about ten weeks after the kernels	71
begin to grow. When the kernels are taken off the ear, the popcorn is ready to pop.	88
Popcorn tastes <u>best</u> during a movie. It also makes a <u>beautiful</u> holiday decoration.	101
Birds eat popcorn too.	105
The next time you are hungry or want to feed the birds, you might want to pop	122
some corn.	124

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“Ground Nut” Butter

Did you know that most nuts grow on trees? That’s why peanuts are sometimes called “ground nuts.” Peanuts belong to the same plant family as beans and peas. They actually grow underground.

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Farmers dig up the peanuts using special machines. They leave the peanuts on the ground to dry for two days or more. Then they dry the peanuts with warm air.

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Many of the dried raw peanuts are used to make peanut butter. This is how it is made. First the peanuts are taken out of their shells. Then the peanuts are roasted and cooled. A machine takes off the red skin. Then the pieces are ground up until the peanuts are smooth like butter. The peanut butter is then put into jars and sold.

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The next time you ask for a sandwich, make it “ground nut” butter and jelly.

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Sequence

First

Next

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Last

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Model T

Many people think that Henry Ford made the first car, but people were driving cars before Henry Ford made the Model T. People also used horses and wagons or rode on trains. Cars cost a lot of money. 14
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What Henry Ford did was to make a car that almost anyone could buy. He did this by changing the way cars were made. His factory had a moving belt that carried car parts past workers as they stood in a line. Each worker did just one part of the job. Building cars this way saved money. 54
70
88
95

In 1925 a Model T cost only \$260. It was not fancy and came in black only, but people loved it. They started to trade their horses for Model Ts. Our life has never been the same. 113
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Draw Conclusions

<p><u>Fact</u></p>	<p><u>Fact:</u></p>	<p><u>Fact:</u></p>	<p><u>What I Know:</u></p>
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Conclusion:

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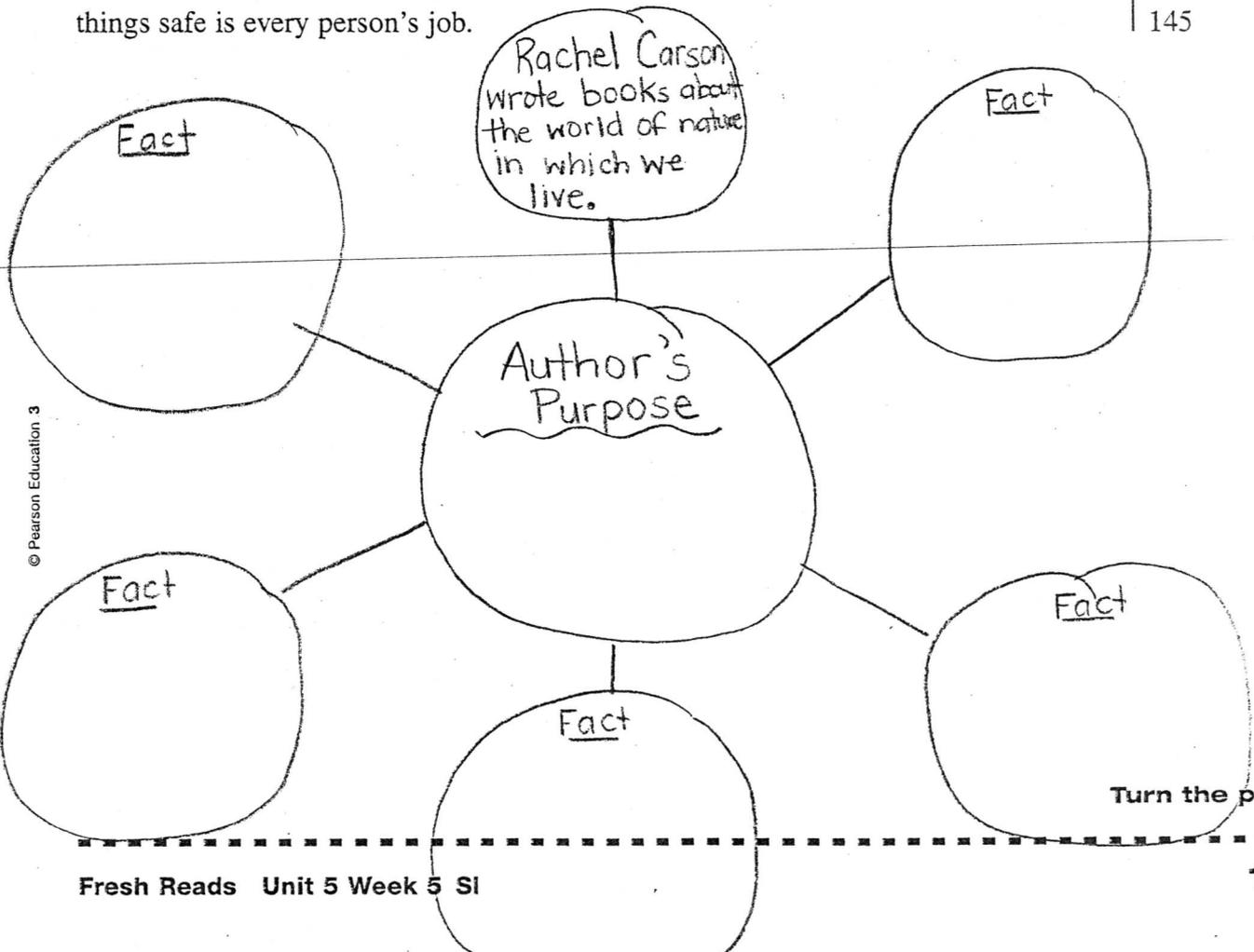
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Friend of Nature

Some people say that Rachel Carson was a hero. Others say she was foolish. No matter what people say about her, she will always be remembered. 15
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Rachel Carson wrote books about the world of nature in which we live. Her final book, *Silent Spring*, warned about the dangers of poisons used to kill insects. These poisons are called pesticides. She told about how they killed birds as well as insects. 41
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86
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113
125

People will always thank this brave woman. She taught us that keeping all living things safe is every person's job. 139
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An Orange a Day

For years people have been saying that we should eat fruits and vegetables every	14
day. Why are fruits and vegetables so important?	22

First of all, fruits and vegetables have vitamin C. Vitamin C is important to help	37
your body fight germs so that you stay healthy. Vitamin C helps heal cuts on your	53
body. It also keeps your gums healthy. Vitamin C helps once you get sick too.	68
Drinking orange juice when you have a cold may help you feel better faster.	82

Our bodies do not make vitamin C, so we have to get it by eating fruits, such as	100
oranges, and vegetables, such as green and red peppers. To get the most vitamin C	115
from fruits and vegetables, you should eat them soon after you bring them home.	129
Letting fruits get too old kills the vitamins in them.	139

They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away. Maybe you should eat an orange	155
a day too.	158

Main Idea

Detail

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Detail

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Turn the page

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Mouse and the Lion

Mouse wanted to be just like his friend Lion. After Mouse helped Lion escape	14
from a hunter's net, Lion roared so loudly that the trees shook.	26
Mouse was amazed. He had a small voice but he wanted to roar like Lion.	41
"If I practice," thought Mouse, "I'll be able to roar."	51
So he started practicing. Mouse opened his mouth wide, took a deep breath, and	65
squeaked. Disappointed, Mouse tried again, but he could not roar no matter how	78
many times he tried.	82
"Lion is tall," thought Mouse. "I'll climb a small tree so I can be as tall as Lion.	100
Then I will roar."	104
Mouse climbed a holly bush, and now he was as tall as Lion, who was nearby	120
watching Mouse.	122
Mouse opened his mouth wide, took a deep breath, and squeaked. He tried again	136
but he could not roar.	141
"Mouse, you should do the special thing that only a mouse can do," said Lion.	156
Mouse hurried home to practice squeaking.	162

Causes: Why

Effects: What happened?

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Ray Charles

Ray Charles was born poor and black in 1930. At the age of seven, he became blind. He did not let any of those things stop him. He became one of the world's best musicians.

Ray Charles learned to play the piano at a school for deaf and blind children. After he left school, he played the piano to earn money. For many years he did not earn much money. Then he moved north, and people started to notice him.

Ray Charles worked with Martin Luther King Jr. to help black people. He grew tired of playing in theaters where white people sat close to the stage and his own people had to sit far away from it. He refused to perform under those conditions, even though he needed the money. He wanted all people to be treated the same.

Ray Charles became famous all over the world as a quiet man who could sing any kind of music. He is gone now, but his music will never die.

Facts and Opinions

Facts

Opinions

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The Lunch Room

Tyrone watched his friend Jeff push the boy who was in front of him in the lunch line. The small boy was trying hard not to cry. Tyrone wanted to help the boy, but Jeff was popular and Tyrone did not want Jeff to be mad at him.

The next day at lunch Tyrone watched as Jeff pushed the boy's lunch tray off the table, spilling his cake and milk. Tyrone did not know what to do. If he helped the boy, Jeff would be mad at him. If he did not help the boy, he would be mad at himself.

Tyrone talked to his mom and dad about Jeff.

"Sometimes it's not easy to do the right thing," Tyrone's mom said.

The next day when Jeff began to make fun of the boy, Tyrone took a deep breath and told Jeff to stop. When the boy smiled at him, Tyrone knew he had done the right thing. It felt good.

Plot

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What is the big idea of this story?

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Tamales

Tamales are one of the best foods ever made. I had my first one in Mexico.	16
People in Mexico eat them all the time. They eat tamales on the street like fast food.	33
They eat them at holiday time. They eat them at dinner with the family. People were making and eating tamales in Mexico before Columbus came to America.	49
Tamales look like pancakes rolled up with filling inside. They can be filled with almost anything. Cheese, fish, and meat are all good fillings. After tamales are made and filled, they are put inside a corn skin. Then they can be roasted in a fire, steamed, or baked. They taste good hot or cold.	74
Once found mostly in Mexico, tamales are now eaten by people all over the world.	105
	114
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Generalize

Idea/Fact

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Idea/Fact

Generalization

Turn the page.