



GRADE 3 • STORY ELEMENTS

THE ICE CREAM MAN WHO NEVER MELTS

One cone, cold fingers. Two cones, frost. Three cones...

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STORY ELEMENTS

Every story has characters, a setting, a problem, and a solution. Fill in each box with details from The Ice Cream Man Who Never Melts.

CHARACTERS

Who is in the story?

SETTING

Where and when does it happen?

PROBLEM

What goes wrong?

SOLUTION

How does it end?





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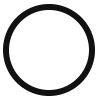
These events are mixed up. Number them 1 to 7 in the order they happened in the story.



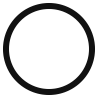
Miles sees a girl's face in a frosted window, and she blinks.



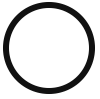
Miles and Stella pull the Ice Cream Man onto the hot street, and he melts.



Stella shows the boys a scoop of ice cream that sat on her driveway all night without melting.



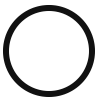
A strange ice cream truck comes to Cedar Court, and Miles gets a free cone.



Mom takes the kids to the Dairy Barn, and Miles's cone drips.



A ray of sunlight makes the Ice Cream Man's hand drip.



Gavin eats his third cone and climbs into the truck.





GRADE 3 • WORD DETECTIVE

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WORD DETECTIVE

Read each sentence from the story. Use the clues around the bold word to figure out what it means.

1. A **heat wave** . Every day this week is going to be over a hundred.

I think **heat wave** means:

2. Down the side there's a row of little round windows, like on a ship. All of them are **frosted** over.

I think **frosted** means:

3. Then the back door of the truck opened, and the boy just... climbed in. By himself. Like he was **sleepwalking** .

I think **sleepwalking** means:

4. I'm under three blankets and my winter coat, and my teeth won't stop **chattering** .

I think **chattering** means:





GRADE 3 • SPOT THE CLUES

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SPOT THE CLUES

Draw it. Then write about it.

Draw the Ice Cream Man's truck: old, white, and round, with little frosted windows down the side and a picture of a cone. Then write 2–3 sentences: what clues should have warned the kids that something was wrong?

Draw here

