



GRADE 5 • READ BETWEEN THE LINES

THE ICE CREAM MAN WHO NEVER MELTS

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READ BETWEEN THE LINES

An inference is a smart guess that uses clues from the story. Answer each question and include your clue.

1. Mom says, "There wasn't any truck." Why do you think she can't see it? What does that tell you about who the truck is for?

2. Stella says the Ice Cream Man never gets out of the truck. Why do you think he stays inside?

3. At the end, the kids hear the slow, wrong song on a snow day in January. What does this suggest?





GRADE 5 • PLOT MOUNTAIN

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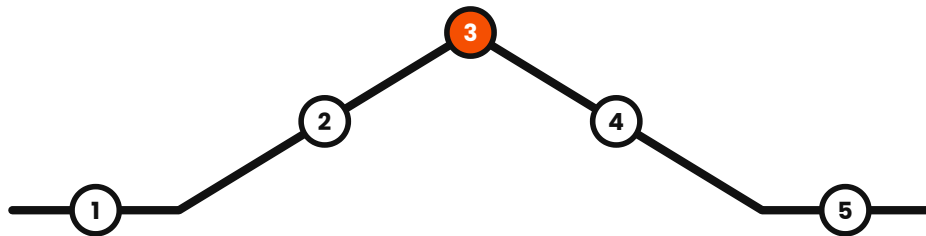
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PLOT MOUNTAIN

Every plot climbs to a climax and comes back down. Write what happens at each part of the mountain.



1. EXPOSITION (The beginning)

2. RISING ACTION (Trouble builds)

3. CLIMAX (The scariest moment)

4. FALLING ACTION (Things calm down)

5. RESOLUTION (How it ends)





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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE HUNT

Authors use special language to help us picture things. For each quote, write the type (simile, metaphor, personification, or hyperbole) and what it means.

QUOTE FROM THE STORY

TYPE

WHAT IT MEANS

"It's still hot. Hot like breathing in a dryer."

"White and round, like a refrigerator on wheels."

"The driveway is about a thousand degrees."

"It pulls at me, harder than ever."





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WRITE A NEW ENDING

Rewrite the ending. Keep Miles, Stella, and the truck, but change the plan.

Go back to the moment the Ice Cream Man holds out cone number three to Miles. Write a new ending where Miles and Stella try a different plan to save Gavin. Does it work?

CHECK YOUR WORK

- ☐ Starts when the Ice Cream Man holds out the third cone.
- ☐ The plan is different from the one in the story.
- ☐ The new ending shows whether the plan works.
- ☐ Keeps the story's spooky mood.

