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Comprehension Check

Define & Refine

Use a dictionary to find the meaning the word. Then write a definition for the word in your own words.

jolt p.4	Dictionary definition	
	My definition	

Grammar Galore: Capitalization & Punctuation

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. nick allen is the main character of the book

2. was the book frindle written by andrew clements

Context Clue

3. What does the word jerked mean as it is used in the sentence from the text?
"Mrs. Avery jerked her head up from her book and looked around."
a. dropped
b. bobbed
c. moved quickly
d. turned around
4. Which phrase from the sentence helped you identify the meaning of the word jerked?
a. "her head up"
b. "from her book"
c. "and looked"
d. "looked around"

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5. According to the narrator, which list would the main character Nick Allen be on?
a. all the really bad kids list
b. all the really smart kids list
c. all the really good kids list
d. his own list
6. When Nick Allen was in third grade he decided to transform his class into a tropical island. Which sentence best summarizes this event?
a. Nick and his classmates pretended to be on summer vacation the entire school year.
b. Nick was able to convince his teacher and classmates to participate in his tropical island idea, however the custodian did not like it.
c. Nick and his classmates used construction paper to create an island-themed party for their teacher.
d. Nick got into trouble for using a screwdriver to turn up the thermostat in his classroom.

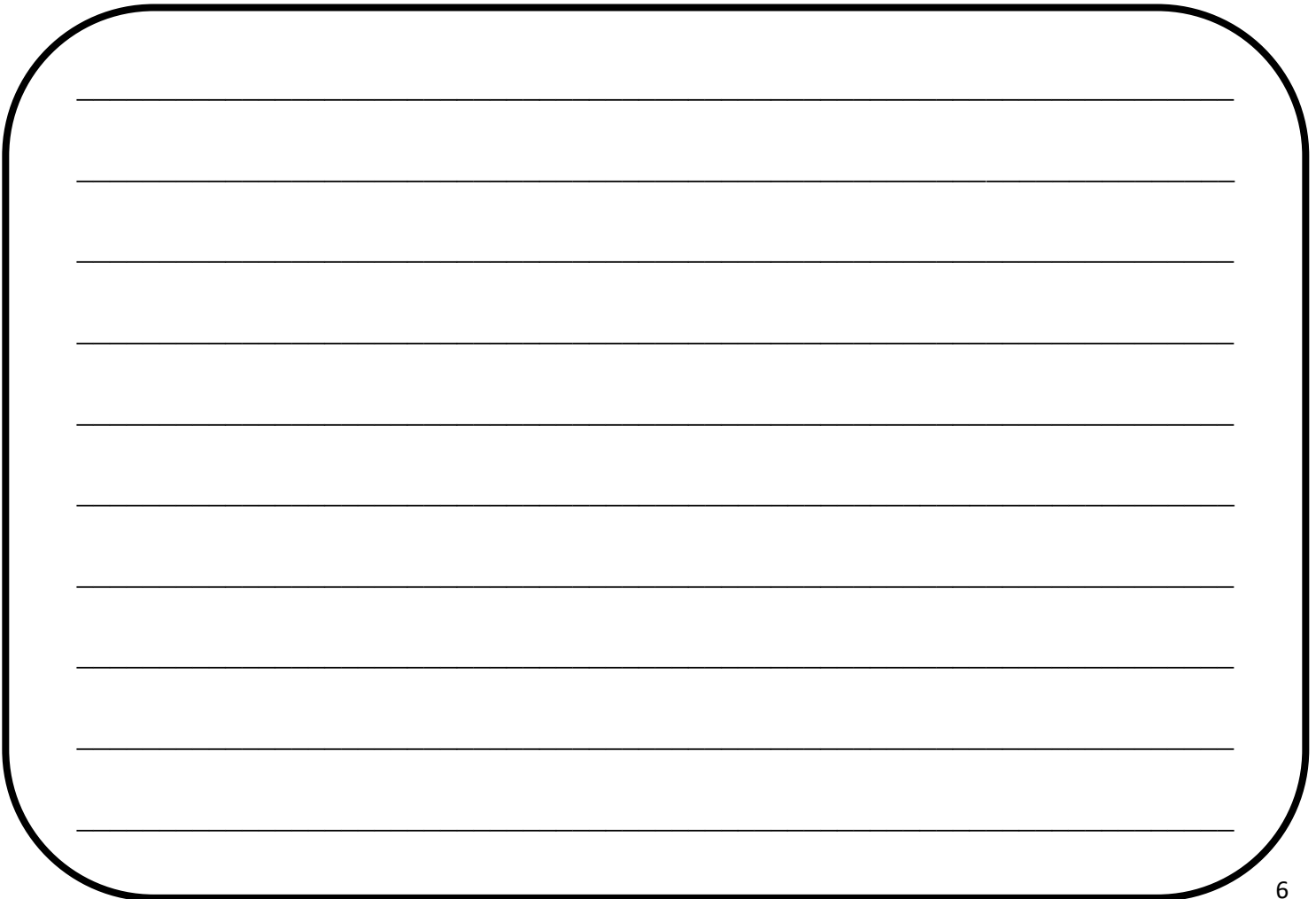
7. What is the point of view?
 - a. first person narration
 - b. second person narration
 - c. third person narration
 - d. second and third person narration

8. How does the narration impact how the story is told?
 - a. The narrator tells the reader exactly what he/she is thinking and feeling.
 - b. The narrator tells the reader what the characters say, think, and do.
 - c. The narrator tells the reader what the main character thinks and feels.
 - d. The narrator directly addresses the reader in order to make the reader feel a part of the story.

9. How do the events in chapter one contribute to the reader's understanding that Nick is a creative student? Select all that apply.
 - a. Nick peeped like a blackbird throughout the fourth grade and didn't get caught.
 - b. Nick carved his name into the school marquis.
 - c. Nick and his friends convinced the bus driver to drive to a waterpark for their field trip.
 - d. Nick transformed his third grade classroom into a tropical island.

Write On!

10. Do you think you would like being Nick Allen's teacher? Explain your answer. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.



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tidy p.6	Dictionary definition	
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Grammar Galore: Capitalization & Punctuation

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. mrs granger is a fifth grade teacher at lincoln elementary school

2. see you later

Figurative Language

3. Read the following sentence. "Everyone was sure that Mrs. Granger had X-ray vision." What does the author reveal with this sentence?
- Mrs. Granger has a super power that allows her to see through objects.
 - Mrs. Granger is psychic and can anticipate when a student will break a rule.
 - Mrs. Granger is known to enforce the rules when she catches students who violate them.
 - Mrs. Granger doesn't like it when students chew gum.
4. Which phrase or sentence from the text helped you identify the meaning of the text in item 3?
- "And Mrs. Granger was one of those people who never sweats. It had to be over ninety degrees before she even took off her jacket."
 - "Don't even think of chewing a piece of gum within fifty feet of her. If you did, Mrs. Granger would see you and catch you and make you stick the gum onto a bright yellow index card..."
 - "Mrs. Granger lived alone in a tidy little house in the older part of town. She drove an old, pale blue car to school every morning, rain or shine, snow or sleet, hail or wind."
 - "Her eyes could twinkle and laugh, too, and kids said she could crack really funny jokes."

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5. What does Mrs. Granger recommend each student have at home?
- a computer
 - an encyclopedia
 - a smartphone
 - a dictionary

6. How is Mrs. Granger different from the other teachers? Select all that apply.
- a. She is small.
 - b. She doesn't wear pants.
 - c. She tells jokes.
 - d. She never sweats.
7. Look at the illustration of Mrs. Granger on page 9. What information does the illustration provide the reader?
- a. The illustration makes the reader believe that Mrs. Granger is very friendly.
 - b. The illustration supports the narrator's claims that Mrs. Granger is an experienced, neat, and serious teacher.
 - c. The illustration depicts Mrs. Granger as a cruel teacher that terrifies all of the students.
 - d. The illustration demonstrates how clean Mrs. Granger's classroom is in an attempt to help readers understand that she likes for everything to put in its place.
8. Prior to fifth grade, how had Nick learned the meaning of a word?
- a. He used a dictionary.
 - b. He used the internet.
 - c. He asked a family member.
 - d. He guessed the meaning.

9. Select two statements from the text that show fifth grade at Lincoln Elementary is different from the other grade levels. Use quotation marks.

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Write On!

10. Consider chapters one and two. Think about Nick Allen and Mrs. Granger. What kind of relationship do you think they will have? Explain.

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Grammar Galore: Capitalization & Punctuation

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. nicks first day of school was very interesting

2. don't mess with the lone granger

Figurative Language

3. Read the sentence from the text. "It was a perfect thought-grenade--KaPow!" What does the sentence suggest about the intended impact of Nick Allen's question?
- Nick's question was meant to be exciting.
 - Nick's question caused the children do get upset.
 - It was intended to stop and distract Mrs. Granger.
 - It was supposed to get all of the students on Nick's side.
4. Read the sentence from the text. "Her eyes were the color of a thundercloud." What does the sentence suggest about Mrs. Granger's mood?
- She was happy.
 - She was excited.
 - She was bored.
 - She was displeased.
5. Read the sentence from the text. "His heart was pounding, and he felt small, very small. He could feel the tops of his ears glowing red." What does the sentence suggest about Nick's feelings?
- He was embarrassed.
 - He was excited.
 - He was unhappy.
 - He was annoyed.

6. Explain your answer to question 5. Use your own experiences and textual evidence to support your answer.

Reading Skills Practice

7. What did Nick do in his first Language Arts class with Mrs. Granger on the first day of school? Select all that apply.
- a. Take a grammar quiz.
 - b. Take a vocabulary pretest.
 - c. Learn about class procedures.
 - d. Complete a fluency assessment.
 - e. Get a heading sample sheet.
 - f. Ask a question.
 - g. Pass a note to a friend.
8. What was Nick well-known for doing near the end of class?
- a. Asking for extra homework.
 - b. Distracting a teacher to avoid getting homework.
 - c. Getting his friends in trouble.
 - d. Forgetting to write his homework in his planner.
9. What happened as a result of Nick's question?
- a. No one received their Language Arts homework assignment.
 - b. Everyone received their homework assignments like usual.
 - c. Nick received two homework assignments, everyone else received one.
 - d. There was not a homework assignment because it was the first day of school.

Sum It Up!

10. What happened in this chapter?

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Grammar Galore: Capitalization & Punctuation

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. my mother told my sister michelle to clean up her room

2. mr george baker is the name of a famous childrens book

Figurative Language

3. Read the sentence from the text. "It was sort of like reading the ingredients on a shampoo bottle." What does this sentence suggest about the first sentence in the dictionary?
- It was difficult to understand.
 - It was bright and clean.
 - It was good for his hair.
 - It was slippery.
4. Read the sentence from the text. "Up to now, schoolwork never spilled over into his free time." What does the phrase "spilled over" mean as it is used in the sentence?
- knocked down
 - accidentally poured
 - interfered with
 - connected to

Reading Skills Practice

5. What was the homework rule at Nick's house?

6. Cite evidence from the text that Nick's parents' homework rule works.

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Grammar Galore: Capitalization & Punctuation

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly.

1. william shakespeare was a famous author

2. what was nick's best time-waster ever

Figurative Language

3. Read the sentence from the text. "The eyes of everyone would be glued to his face." What does the author mean by using this idiom?
- All of the students would detach their eyes and attach them to Nick's face by using glue.
 - All of the students would glue plastic googly eyes to Nick's face as a prank.
 - All of the students would try to stick squishy toy eyeballs to his forehead.
 - All of the students would pay attention to him as he gave his report in class.
4. What mood or feeling is conveyed though the idiom "The eyes of everyone would be glued to his face"?
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| a. excited | c. gloomy |
| b. nervous | d. frightened |

Reading Skills Practice

5. How did Nick feel about his report plan throughout this chapter? Answer in complete sentences.

Before	
During	
After	

6. What was Nick's plan for delivering his report?

7. Identify two details from the text to support your answer in item 6.

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8. What happened as a result of Nick's "lengthy report?" Select all that apply.

- a. Mrs. Granger stopped him.
- b. Mrs. Granger was unable to teach at all.
- c. Mrs. Granger taught her lesson in a short amount of time.
- d. Mrs. Granger was really nice to Nick.
- e. Mrs. Granger did not have time to assign homework.

9. How does Nick regard being treated as the "teacher's pet"? Provide textual evidence to support your answer.

Write On!

10. In your opinion, who won the battle of the dictionary report? Nick or Mrs. Granger? Use the text to support your answer.

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Grammar Galore

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the subject. Underline the predicate.

1. nick accidentally knocked janet off of the curb

2. janet found a gold ball-point pen

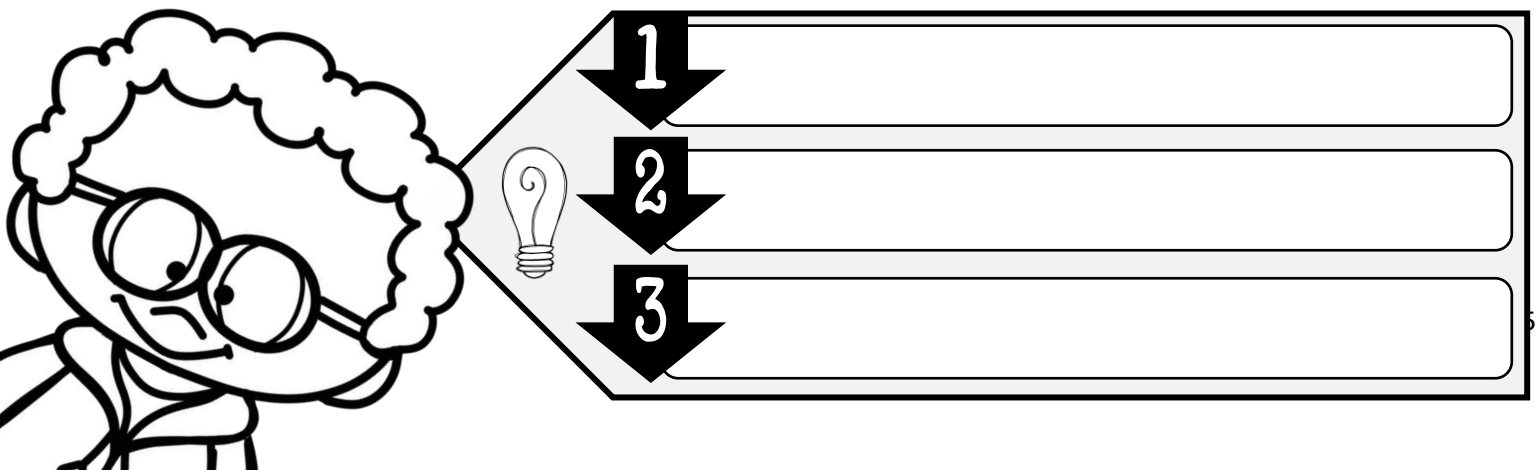
3. Read the sentence from the text. "They were at the corner of their own street, and Nick had bumped into her, completely absorbed in his thoughts." What does the word "absorbed" mean as it used in the sentence?

- not paying attention
- focused on
- flipped over
- decorated by

4. Why did Nick walk home from school with Janet Fisk?

- They walk home together every day.
- They both had detention after school.
- They missed the bus due to a school newspaper meeting.
- They needed to go by the Penny Pantry to get a pack of pens.

5. What are the three events that caused Nick to formulate (create) his new plan?



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6. How does the illustration on page 36 impact the reader's understanding?

7. The first part of Nick's plan involves conducting a trial. Trial is defined as a test to measure the performance of something or someone. Summarize the Penny Pantry Trials.

8. What happened as a result of the Penny Pantry Trials? Select all that apply.
- a. Nick and his friends had pencils to do their homework and to use in class.
 - b. Nick and his friends tricked the Penny Pantry cashier into giving them free pens.
 - c. Nick and his friends caused his word to become a real word.
 - d. Nick and his friends promised they would only use his word and encourage others to use it.
 - e. Nick and his friends decided to spend the afternoon pretending to be spies and pranking each other.

Write On!

9. What do you think of Nick's newest idea? Is it good? Bad? Explain.

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Grammar Galore

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the subject. Underline the predicate.

1. john and nick turned borrowing a pen into a big performance

2. mrs granger did not appreciate their conduct

Let's Get Inferential

3. What day of the week is it? How many days into the school year is it in chapter seven?

4. Explain your answer to item 3. How were you able to figure out the answer?

Reading Skills Practice

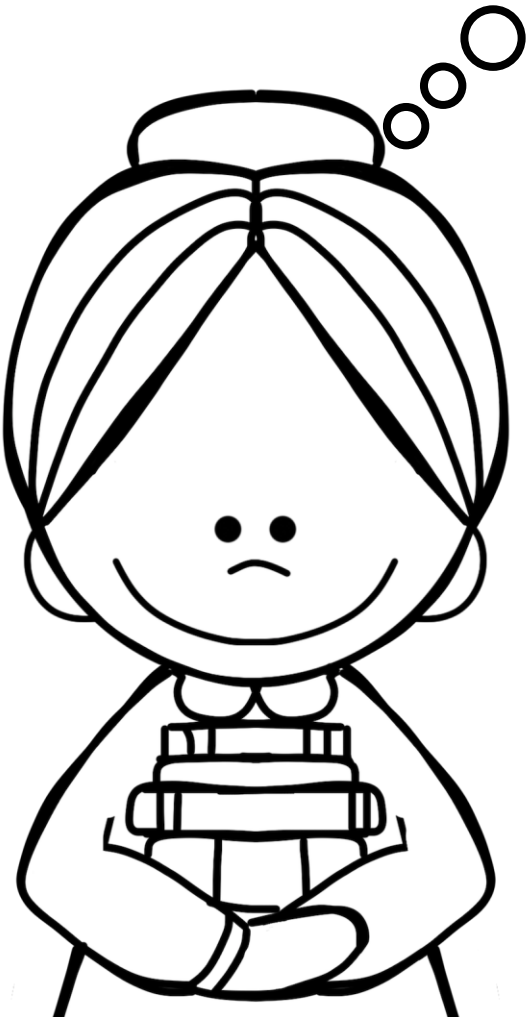
5. What did Nick and John do upon entering Mrs. Granger's class? Select all that apply.
- Nick asked Janet for a pencil.
 - John asked Mrs. Granger if he could go to the restroom.
 - Nick told Mrs. Granger he didn't have a frindle.
 - John went through his backpack to find a pencil.
 - Nick didn't catch the frindle John tossed to him.

6. Why did Nick tell Mrs. Granger he didn't have a frindle?

7. What happened after class?

Write On!

8. Consider Mrs. Granger. What do you think she thinks of Nick at this point in the story? Write your answer from her perspective.



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Use a dictionary to find the meaning the word. Then write a definition for the word in your own words.

honor p. 43	Dictionary definition	
	My definition	

Grammar Galore

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the complete subject. Underline the predicate.

1. all of the fifth graders took their class picture

2. nick s new idea has spread to all of the fifth graders

Context Clues

3. Read the sentence from the text. "The day after the class picture she made an announcement to each of her classes, and she posted a notice on the main bulletin board by the office." What does the word "notice" mean as it is used in the text?

- a. answer key
b. flier
c. invitation
d. written warning

4. Which phrase(s) from the text helped you identify the meaning of the word notice? Select all that apply.

- a. "she made"
b. "she posted"
c. "the day after the class picture"
d. "on the main bulletin board"

Figurative Language

5. A proverb is a common sense statement that possesses a well-known truth. This chapter's title refers to an old proverb: The pen is mightier than the sword. What does this proverb mean?

- a. Thoughts and written words can be more powerful than force or violence.
b. A pen is a stronger tool than a sword.
c. A pen is heavier than a sword.
d. Written words can hurt others better than a sword.

6. What do you think the proverb means in this chapter?

Reading Skills Practice

7. At the beginning of this chapter, what did all of the fifth graders do while posing for their class picture?
- a. They smiled and said "cheese" as the photographer instructed.
 - b. Most of them smiled, some of them made silly faces, and a few did not smile at all.
 - c. They all said "frindle" and held up a pen.
 - d. They all pointed at Nick.

8. Select the sentences from the text that support your answer to item 7.

9. What happened as a result of the fifth grade class picture? Select all that apply.
- a. Mrs. Granger announced to her classes that the word frindle was prohibited.
 - b. Mrs. Granger phoned all of the parents about their children's class picture.
 - c. Mrs. Granger put a written notice up to warn students who used the word frindle that they would receive detention.
 - d. Mrs. Granger asked to see Nick after class.

10. What happened during Mrs. Granger's meeting with Nick?

Write On!

11. Remember the narrator is the person who tells the story to the reader by describing events and the characters' actions. At times a narrator may provide insight into what the characters may think, feel, and believe. Does the narrator of this text seem to know what any of the characters are thinking or feeling? Provide specific details from the text to support your answer.

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Grammar Galore

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the complete subject. Underline the predicate.

1. the fifth graders of lincoln elementary school like using the word frindle

2. mrs chatham is the principal of lincoln elementary

Reading Skills Practice

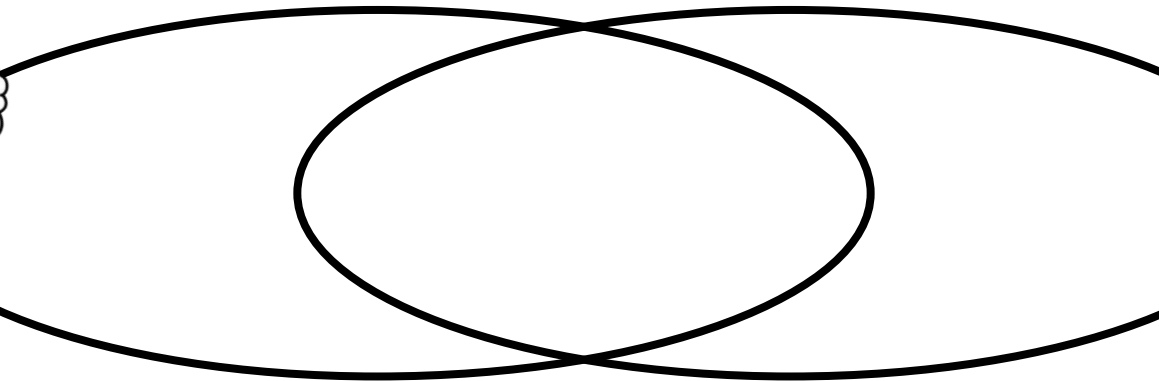
3. Why did Mrs. Chatham go to Nick's house?

4. How did Nick's mom, Mrs. Allen, feel about the issue? Select a sentence from the text that supports your answer.

5. How was the war between Mrs. Granger and Nick similar to a game of chess?

6. Do you think Mrs. Chatham's visit was successful? Explain.

7. How are Nick and Mrs. Granger alike? How are they different?



8. Use information from the Venn diagram to write a paragraph to compare and contrast the main characters of this text.

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Use a dictionary to find the meaning the word. Then write a definition for the word in your own words.

fad p. 61	Dictionary definition	
	My definition	

Grammar Galore

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the names. Place a squares around the verbs.

1. at this point in the story, nick's word has taken on a life of its own

2. with the introduction of judy morgan, the story has become more exciting

Context Clues

3. What does the word "puckered" mean as it is used in the sentence? "The reporter looked closely and saw that each kid was holding up a pen, and each little mouth was puckered in the same way."
- turned
 - gathered tightly together
 - found
 - put down alongside

Figurative Language

4. Read the idiom from the text. "The reporter didn't waste words." What does this idiom mean?
- She asked exactly what she wanted to know.
 - She didn't throw her words in the trash.
 - She looked through the trash can to find the right question.
 - She spoke in a formal and polite manner.
5. Read the metaphor from the text. "Mrs. Granger's eyes seemed to catch on fire at that question."
- Firefighters and paramedics came to help when Mrs. Granger's eyes caught on fire.
 - Mrs. Granger shot fireballs from her eyes.
 - Mrs. Granger's eyes conveyed a strong feeling in reaction to the question.
 - The writer just wrote this phrase to make this part of the story feel more exciting.

Reading Skills Practice

6. Who is Judy Morgan?
- a. She is the school nurse.
 - b. She is the town mayor.
 - c. She is the superintendent's secretary.
 - d. She is a local reporter.
7. How does Mrs. Freed, the school secretary, feel about the word frindle? Explain.

8. Who did Judy Morgan interview at Lincoln Elementary? Quote each character's response to Mrs. Morgan's questions.

Characters	Responses to Judy Morgan

9. What happened after Mrs. Morgan met with Mrs. Granger? Select all that apply.
- a. She met with Mrs. Chatham.
 - b. She met Nick's parents.
 - c. She received the fifth grade class photo.
 - d. She checked her notes, then ran into some kids.
10. How did Judy Morgan find out what Nick Allen looked like?
- a. She received a copy of the class picture with clues to his identity.
 - b. She met him on the sidewalk after talking to Mrs. Granger.
 - c. She bought a school year book to find his picture.
 - d. She saw him on the news discussing his new word.
11. Select sentences from the text to support your answer to item 10.

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Grammar Galore: Nouns & Verbs

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the nouns. Place squares around the verbs.

1. the westfield gazette published an article about the word frindle

2. does anyone seem to be happy about judy morgan's article

Reading Skills Practice

3. Judy Morgan's news article made the frindle issue at Lincoln Elementary seem to be a battle between the students and faculty. Select statements from the text that support this inference. Select all that apply.
- "...Nick Allen masterminded this plot that cleverly raises issues about free speech and academic rules."
 - "Neither side is giving in."
 - "He is the boy who invented the new word."
 - "...and no one seems to be backing off in this war of words."
 - "Mrs. Granger, champion of the forces of order and authority, is battling hundreds of young frindle-fighters..."
 - "...the kids at Lincoln Elementary School love their frindles..."
4. The question "What is the meaning of this?" is asked several times in this chapter. Who asks this question? Select all that apply.
- Judy Morgan
 - the school nurse
 - Mrs. Chatham
 - Mrs. Allen
 - the school superintendent
 - Mrs. Granger
 - the school secretary

5. What is the purpose of this chapter?
 - a. It helps connect the idea of frindle as a disruption to the school to how it disrupts all of the neighborhoods in Westfield.
 - b. This chapter helps the reader to understand that the word frindle has begun to spread from the school to the residents of Westfield and shows how it is impacting some of the characters.
 - c. This chapter is important to help the reader understand that many people are upset about frindle and several of the characters are getting in trouble because of Nick's word.
 - d. The purpose of this chapter is to move the story along to the next chapter.

6. Think about the question that is repeatedly asked throughout this chapter. "What's the meaning of this?" Some of the characters are asked this question, but as readers we do not know their responses. Answer the question from the characters' perspectives.

Characters	Responses to "What's the meaning of this?"

Write On!

7. What do you think will happen next in the story? What will happen to Nick, frindle, and Mrs. Granger?

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Grammar Galore: Nouns & Verbs

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the nouns. Place squares around the verbs.

1. frindle and pen mean the same thing

2. tom allen is nick allens dad

Context Clues

3. Read the sentences from the text. "Bud pointed at the papers on his desk. 'That's a contract, and it's fair and honest. It gives your boy thirty percent of whatever profits I might make. That's a fair royalty, generous for this kind of deal.'" What does the word "royalty" mean as it is used in the sentence?
- a person who could be a king or queen
 - an amount of money to be earned for doing one's work everyday
 - a person who is related to a king or queen
 - an amount of money paid to a person for use of his/her idea or product
4. What phrase(s) from the text helped you identify the meaning of the word "royalty" in item 3? Explain.

Reading Skills Practice

5. What happened as a result of Judy Morgan's frindle article? Select all that apply.
- a. Every in Westfield learned that a frindle was a pen.
 - b. All of the kids at Nick's school were on television doing interviews.
 - c. Nick became famous and did television interviews.
 - d. Frindle spread throughout the United States.
 - e. Nick's dad retired from his hardware store to manage Nick's career.
 - f. Bud Lawrence started a Frindle business.
 - g. Nick took a trip to Japan to attend the opening of his frindle store.
6. How did Nick feel about the attention he was getting? Use information from the text to support your answer.

7. How is Alice Lunderson important to helping the word frindle spread from Westfield? Explain.

8. Why did Bud Lawrence meet with Nick's dad, Tom Allen?
- a. Bud Lawrence really likes to hang out with Tom Allen.
 - b. Bud Lawrence needed some tools from Tom Allen's hardware store.
 - c. Bud Lawrence's lawyer advised him to get a contract with Tom Allen.
 - d. Bud Lawrence met with Tom Allen to plan their high school's reunion.
9. What happened as a result of Bud Lawrence and Tom Allen's meeting? Select all that apply.
- a. Bud Lawrence could keep selling frindle merchandise.
 - b. Bud Lawrence would pay Nick 30% of everything he sold.
 - c. Tom Allen did not sue Bud Lawrence for royalties.
 - d. Tom Allen set up a secret bank account for Nick's royalties.
 - e. Tom Allen went home to explain the contract to his wife.

10. How does Nick's dad feel about frindle-mania? Support your answer with information from the text.

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Grammar Galore: Nouns & Verbs

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the nouns. Place squares around the verbs.

1. after all of the attention he received, do you think nick will change

2. whenever i drop a stone into water, the surface of the water ripples

Context Clues

3. Read the sentence. "The new line of frindles imported from Japan were a big hit, and now there was talk of selling them in Japan and Europe, as well." What does the word "imported" mean as it is used in the sentence?

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| a. taken out of | c. taken back |
| b. brought in | d. delivered to |

4. Identify the phrase from the text that helped you identify the meaning of the word "Imported."

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| a. "from Japan" | c. "now there was" |
| b. "selling them in Japan" | d. "new line of frindles" |

Figurative Language

5. Read the sentence from the text. "The new line of frindles from Japan were a big hit..." What does the phrase "a big hit" mean as it used in the sentence?

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| a. to physically strike someone | c. a bad decision |
| b. to hit a homerun | d. a popular item |

6. Explain how you were able to determine the meaning of the metaphor in item 5.

Reading Skill Practice

7. Consider the title of this chapter: "Ripples." Explain why the author chose to entitle this chapter "Ripples." Use information from the text to support your inference.

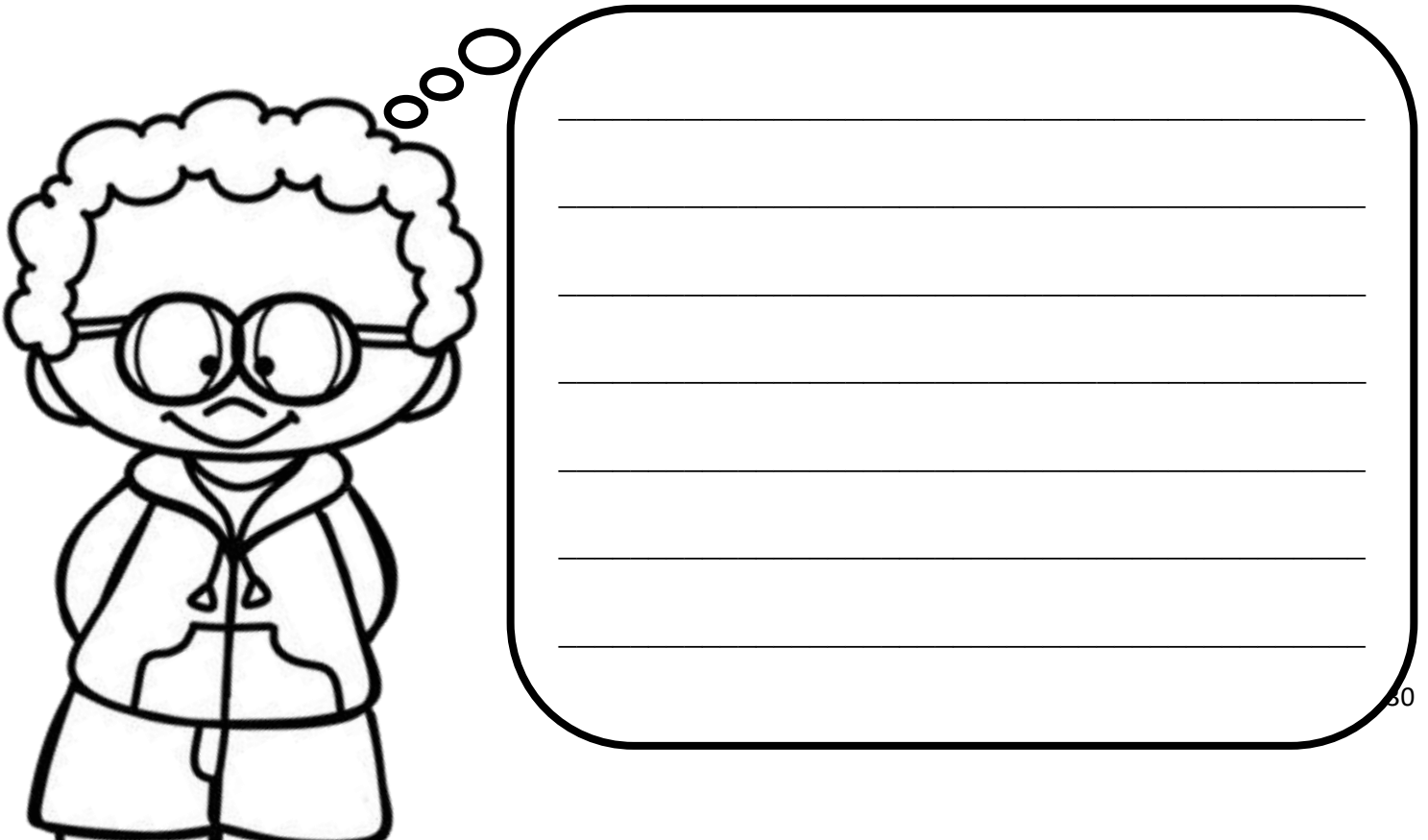
8. What evidence does the narrator provide to show that Mrs. Granger and the students hadn't completely given up the frindle fight?

9. What impact does the illustration on page 86 have on the story?

- a. The illustration shows that the city of Westfield is proud to be the home of the frindle.
- b. The illustration shows just how frindle-mania began.
- c. The illustration demonstrates that the residents of Westfield are tired of frindle.
- d. The illustration demonstrates how excited all of the students are about the frindle.

Write On!

10. If you were Nick, what would be your next big idea?



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Grammar Galore: Nouns & Verbs

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the nouns. Place squares around the verb and/or verb phrase.

1. for a while, it seemed that no one could have helped nick

2. by the end of the chapter, nick had returned to being himself

Figurative Language

3. Read the sentence from the text. "Nick was afraid to bring it all up again, but he was dying of curiosity." What does the phrase "dying of curiosity" mean?
- Nick was afraid that he would be dead by the end of the book.
 - Nick was overwhelmed by the desire to know.
 - Nick was afraid that he was turning into a cat.
 - Nick was extremely confused by how school was ending.
4. Explain how you were able to determine the meaning of the phrase in item 3.

Reading Skills Practice

5. How did a social studies lesson spark Nick's new idea/plan? Explain. Provide information from the text to support your answer.

6. Why didn't Nick proceed with his new plan?
- a. Nick didn't think it was a great idea.
 - b. Nick didn't want to upset the cafeteria workers.
 - c. Nick didn't want to get the same of kind of attention he received during frindle-mania.
 - d. Nick didn't want his parents to be upset with him for starting a food fight in the cafeteria.

7. How does Mrs. Granger feel about Nick? Provide details from the text to support your inference.

8. Why didn't Mrs. Granger give Nick the envelope?

9. What happened as a result of Nick's conversation with Mrs. Granger?

10. What happened when Nick was in middle school?

Name _____

Comprehension Check

Define & Refine

Use a dictionary to find the meaning the word. Then write a definition for the word in your own words.

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	My definition	

Grammar Galore: Nouns & Verbs

Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence correctly. Circle the nouns. Place squares around the verb and/or verb phrase.

1. this is a story about a boy who challenges himself and his teacher

2. nick and mrs granger could have been enemies and allies at the same time

Figurative Language

3. Read the sentence from the text. "A person can watch the sunrise, but he cannot slow it down or stop it or make it go backward." What does "sunrise" represent in this context?

- a dictionary
- a naughty student
- Nick's frindle idea
- the students

4. Explain how you were able to identify the answer you chose to item 3.

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5. How long did Mrs. Granger wait to declare her frindle feud with Nick was over and send him the letter?
- 21 years
 - 10 years
 - 13 years
 - 6 months