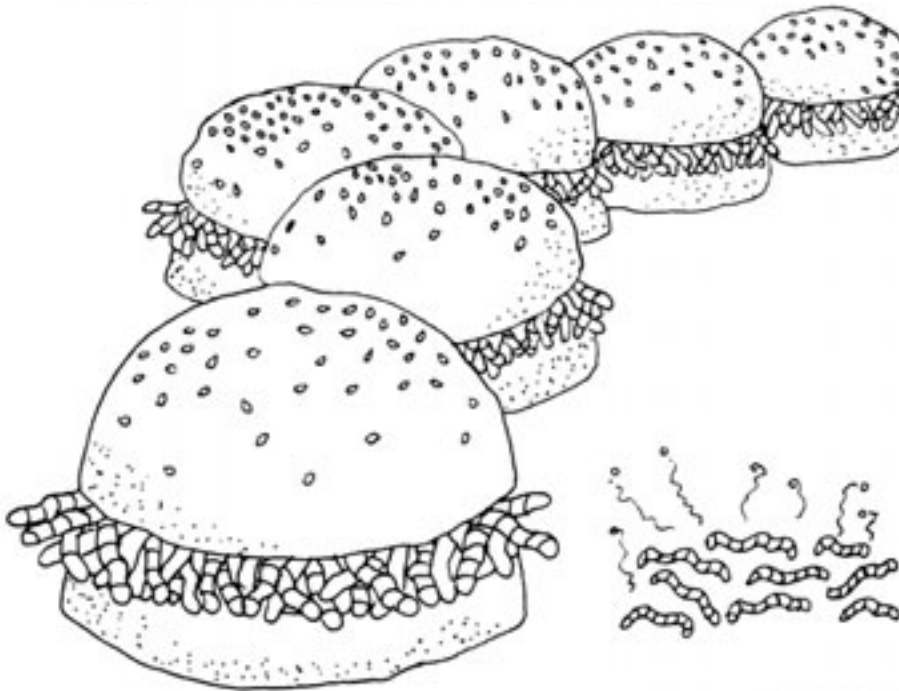


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# How to Eat Fried Worms

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## A Study Guide

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## For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide consists of lessons to use in conjunction with the book *How to Eat Fried Worms*. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel.

In a homogeneous classroom, whole class instruction with one title is appropriate. In a heterogeneous classroom, reading groups should be formed: each group works on a different novel on its reading level. Depending upon the length of time devoted to reading in the classroom, each novel, with its guide and accompanying lessons, may be completed in three to six weeks.

Begin using NOVEL-TIES for guided reading by distributing the novel and a folder to each child. Distribute duplicated pages of the study guide for students to place in their folders. After examining the cover and glancing through the book, students can participate in several pre-reading activities. Vocabulary questions should be considered prior to reading a chapter or group of chapters; all other work should be done after the chapter has been read. Comprehension questions can be answered orally or in writing. The classroom teacher should determine the amount of work to be assigned, always keeping in mind that readers must be nurtured and that the ultimate goal is encouraging students' love of reading.

The benefits of using NOVEL-TIES are numerous. Students read good literature in the original, rather than in abridged or edited form. The good reading habits will be transferred to the books students read independently. Passive readers become active, avid readers.

## CHAPTER 1

**Vocabulary:** Draw a line from each word on the left to its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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|--------------|---|
| 1. shrugged  | a. people who have seen or heard something                        |
| 2. casserole | b. raised one's shoulders to show lack of interest or uncertainty |
| 3. witnesses | c. mixture of foods prepared in a deep baking dish                |
| 4. dangled   | d. fight between two people with swords or pistols                |
| 5. duel      | e. hung or swung loosely  |
| 6. furtively | f. secretly or sneakily   |

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- The child glanced \_\_\_\_\_ around the room, hoping no one noticed, as she grabbed a cookie from the dessert platter.
- Once the hinge broke, the door \_\_\_\_\_ from its frame.
- I prefer to eat food that is cooked and served separately to eating foods served in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ to the accident were asked to testify in court.
- Long ago, gentlemen might settle an argument with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not wanting to insult my friend, I \_\_\_\_\_ when she asked if I liked her tee shirt.

### Questions:

- Why is Tom punished?
- What is the one thing Billy says he will not eat?
- What are the terms of the bet between Billy and Alan?
- Why is Alan sure that his parents will let him use fifty dollars from his bank account if he loses the bet?
- What does Billy plan to do with the money if he wins the bet?

**CHAPTERS 2, 3**

**Vocabulary:** Choose a word or phrase from the Word Box to answer each of the riddles below. Use a dictionary to find out the meaning of any word you do not know.

WORD BOX		
deserted	night crawler	python
devious	obsequiously	recoiling

1. I am a very large earthworm. You find me in the soil.  
I am a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You better be careful when you are near me. I am very sneaky.  
You could say that I am \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am a large snake. I am not poisonous, but you would not want me to hug you.  
I am a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Often servants behave this way to very important people. They put on a big show of trying to please.  
They act \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am an empty place from which all people have gone.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_.
6. This is the way you act when something scares or disgusts you.  
When you do this you are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions:**

1. Why does Alan select a night crawler as Billy's first challenge?
2. Why does Billy do push-ups?
3. Why do you think Billy has foods like mustard and ketchup in the horse barn?
4. How do you know that Alan enjoys giving Billy his first worm?