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Lesson 17

Exercise 1 Read Below is part of a story you may be familiar with. It is the story of the three little pigs. This time the wolf is telling the story his way. What is different about his story? As you read, think about the Master Words in bold type.

Master Words

diet

everybody

fault

mind

neighbor

probably

secret

sneeze

straw

terrible

from *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*
by Jon Scieszka

The Big Bad Wolf thinks something is wrong with the way the three pigs told the story. . . .

Everybody knows the story of the Three Little Pigs. Or at least they think they do. But I'll let you in on a little **secret**. Nobody knows the real story, because nobody has ever heard *my* side of the story.

I'm the wolf. Alexander T. Wolf.

You can call me Al.

I don't know how this whole Big Bad Wolf thing got started, but it's all wrong.

Maybe it's because of our **diet**.

Hey, it's not my **fault** wolves eat cute little animals like bunnies and sheep and pigs. That's just the way we are. If cheeseburgers were cute, folks would **probably** think you were Big and Bad, too.

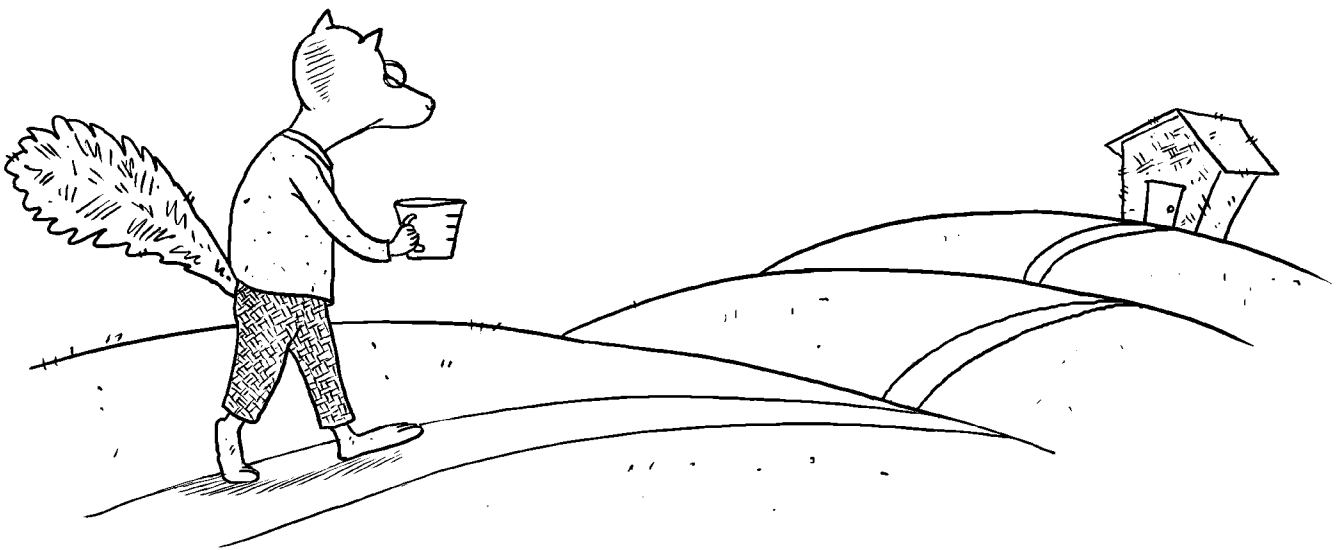
But like I was saying, the whole Big Bad Wolf thing is all wrong. The real story is about a **sneeze** and a cup of sugar.

This is the Real Story

Way back in Once Upon a Time time, I was making a birthday cake for my dear old granny.

I had a **terrible** sneezing cold. I ran out of sugar.

So I walked down the street to ask my **neighbor** for a cup of sugar. Now this neighbor was a pig. And he wasn't too bright, either. He had built his whole house out of **straw**. Can you believe it? I mean who in his right **mind** would build a house of straw?





Exercise 2 Define Use the dictionary at the back of this book to write a definition for each Master Word below.

1. **diet** _____

2. **everybody** _____

3. **fault** _____

4. **mind** _____

5. **neighbor** _____

6. **probably** _____

7. **secret** _____

8. **sneeze** _____

9. **straw** _____

10. **terrible** _____



Exercise 3 Fill in the Blank Read each sentence. Fill in the blank with a Master Word.

Master Words

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| diet | probably |
| everybody | secret |
| fault | sneeze |
| mind | straw |
| neighbor | terrible |



1. It wasn't Buddy's _____ that the string on the kite broke.
2. Every winter, we put _____ in our dog's house to keep him warm.
3. Miko made up her _____ to buy a game with her birthday money.
4. Mr. Gates looked up at the dark sky and said, "It's _____ going to rain."
5. "Please give _____ a napkin," the teacher told Amy.
6. I went to bed because I had a _____ headache.

Exercise 4 Write Write two words you think of when you read the following Master Words.

1. **diet** word #1: _____

word #2: _____

2. **neighbor** word #1: _____

word #2: _____

3. **secret** word #1: _____

word #2: _____

4. **sneeze** word #1: _____

word #2: _____

Exercise 5 Understand Tell whether these things happened in the story. Circle *Yes* or *No*.

1. A narrator tells the story.

Yes No

2. It is the wolf's birthday.

Yes No

3. The wolf has a cold.

Yes No

4. The wolf is called Al.

Yes No

5. The wolf sells straw.

Yes No

6. A wolf's diet includes pigs.

Yes No



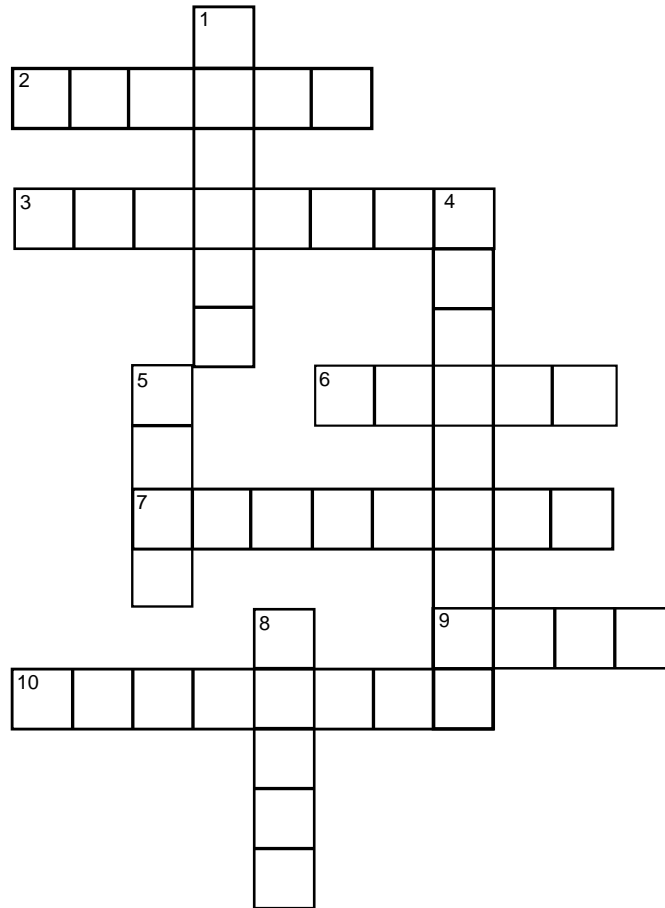
Exercise 6 Choose Your Answer Finish each sentence below. Put an X next to the correct ending.

1. If it's your **fault** that no one gets to go out for recess,
 you may have done something wrong.
 your friends would not blame you.
2. If you have only meat in your **diet**, your friends might tell you to eat more
 hamburgers.
 fruits and vegetables.
3. If your friend tells you a **secret**, you should
 tell all the people you know.
 not tell anyone.
4. If you were at a place that had lots of **straw**, you might be
 at a farm.
 in your bedroom.
5. If your teacher says it's **probably** going to rain tomorrow, you
 might put off your trip to the park.
 would stay home from school.

Exercise 7 Word Play Fill in the crossword puzzle below. Use Master Words. Begin each answer in the square with the same number as the clue.

Master Words

diet
 everybody
 fault
 mind
 neighbor
 probably
 secret
 sneeze
 straw
 terrible



Across

2. Noise from the nose
3. Very bad
6. Parts of dried plants
7. Person living next door
9. Foods one eats
10. Likely

Down

1. Something you tell no one
4. All people
5. The part of you that thinks
8. Something you are to be blamed for

Lesson 18

Exercise 1 Read The story of *Superfudge* is told by Peter, a boy not much older than you. As you read this short passage from the story, think about his feelings about his brother and sister. The words in bold type are the Master Words you will learn in Lesson 18.

Master Words

expected
explained
factory
nickname
problems
tease
tough
warn
wondered
worse

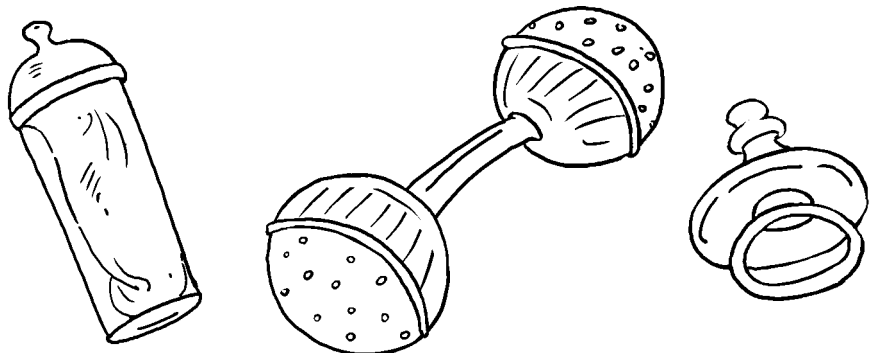
from *Superfudge*

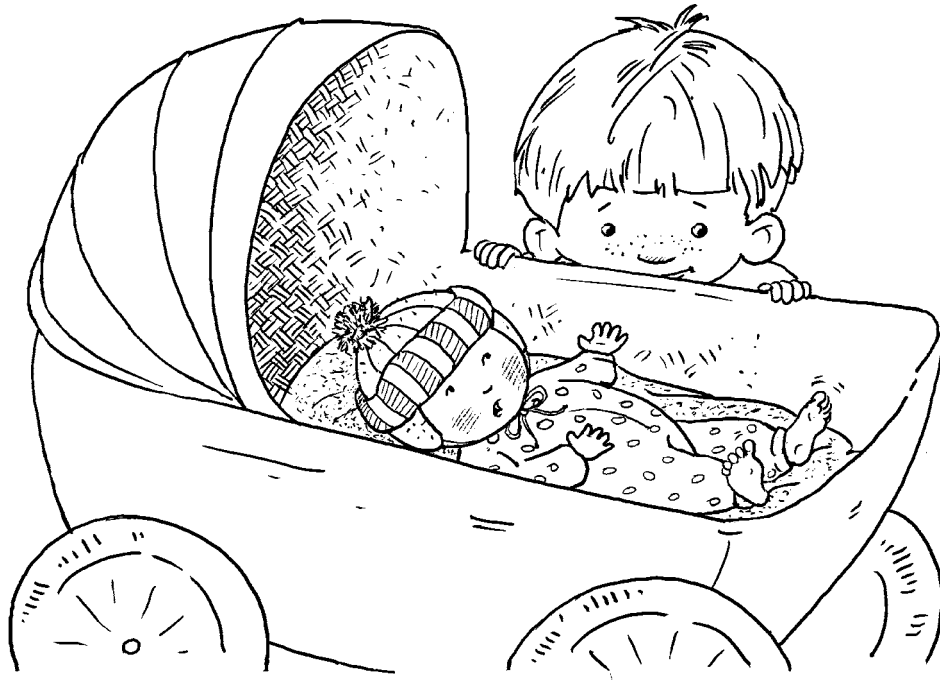
by Judy Blume

*Peter Hatcher and his younger brother Fudge have a new little sister. Peter is not happy about her **nickname**.*

By the time she was one month old, everybody was calling her Tootsie. Right away I could see that there would be **problems**. I tried to **warn** my mother and father. “When she goes to school with a name like that, the kids are going to **tease** her. They’ll call her Tootsie Roll. Or **worse!**”

Mom and Dad just laughed. “Oh Peter, you’re so funny.”





Only I wasn't being funny at all. I knew what I was talking about. But there was nothing I could do about it. I had a brother called Fudge. And now I had a sister called Tootsie. Maybe what my parents really wanted was a candy **factory**. I **wondered** how come I got off so easy.

Tootsie was much smaller than I'd **expected**, but she was **tough**. I found that out when Fudge tried to pull off her toes. "I just wanted to see what would happen," he **explained** when Tootsie screamed.

"You must never do that again!" Mom told him. "How would you like it if Peter tried to pull off your toes?"



Exercise 2 Define Use the dictionary at the back of this book to write a definition for each Master Word below. Plurals and words ending in *-ed* or *-s* will not be listed. To find *expected*, look under **expect**. To find *explained*, look under **explain**. To find *problems*, look under **problem**.

1. **expected** _____

2. **explained** _____

3. **factory** _____

4. **nickname** _____

5. **problems** _____

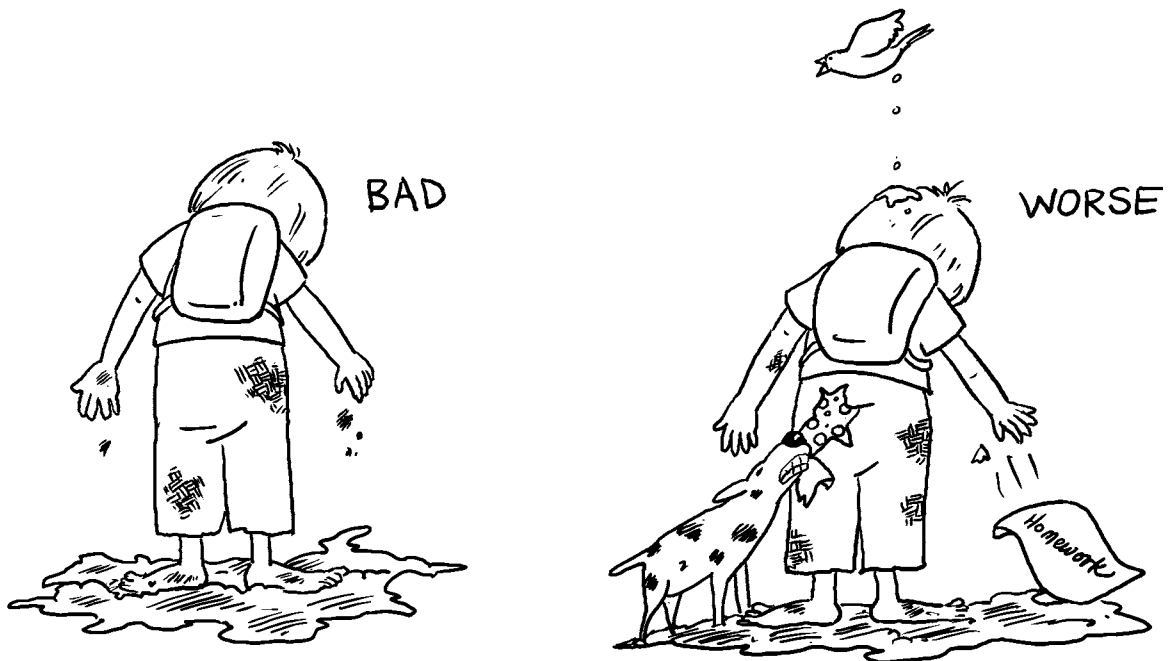
6. **tease** _____

7. **tough** _____

8. **warn** _____

9. **wondered** _____

10. **worse** _____



Exercise 3 Fill in the Blank Read each sentence below. Fill in the blank with a Master Word.

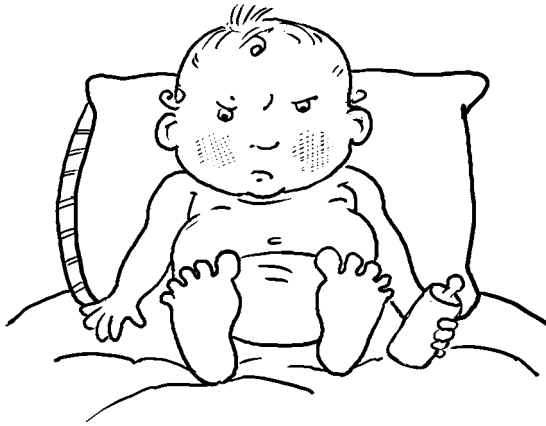


Master Words

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| expected | tease |
| explained | tough |
| factory | warn |
| nickname | wondered |
| problems | worse |

1. That _____ makes baseball bats.
2. My sister tried to _____ me not to eat all that candy, but I didn't listen.
3. The first movie was bad, but the second movie was even _____.
4. Julie _____ a letter from her friend today, but she didn't get one.
5. Don't _____ me about my glasses.
6. I helped Joe with his math _____.

Exercise 5 Understand Write the Master Word that best finishes each sentence below.



Master Words

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| expected | tease |
| explained | tough |
| factory | warn |
| nickname | wondered |
| problems | worse |

1. Peter didn't like the _____ his parents gave his little sister.
2. He said kids would _____ her about it.
3. He said they might call her _____ names than Tootsie Roll.
4. Fudge _____ that he pulled Tootsie's toes "to see what would happen."
5. Peter _____ why he didn't have a nickname like Fudge or Tootsie's.
6. Tootsie was small but _____.

Exercise 6 Find Similarities How are the words in each group below alike? Write the Master Word that tells the similarity.

Example: being lost sickness no friends
Things that are _____ problems _____

1. Stop! Do Not Enter Stay Left

Words that _____

2. automobiles radios candy

Things that are made in a _____

3. birthday parties holidays fun trips

Things that are happily _____

4. lost lunch money forgotten homework a bad cold

Things that cause _____

Exercise 7 Word Play The letters in the Master Word **tease** can be used to make the word *seat*. Make four new words from **tease**.

| tease | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |