

# THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

Beverly Cleary

## Chapter Three

### Words to Learn

**incinerator:** *n.* A furnace used for burning garbage to ashes

**remorseful:** *adj.* Feeling regret for past sins

**venturing:** *v.* Going on an adventure; taking a risk

**tourist:** *n.* A person who travels for pleasure

**predicament:** *n.* A difficult or troublesome situation

### Newspaper Activities

#### Write a News Article

Write an article about Ralph's accident. News articles address the questions *who*, *what*, *where*, *when* and *why* about the topic. Reread the part of Chapter 3 in which Ralph has the motorcycle accident, and take notes about the details of the accident. Include the most important information in your article.

#### Write an Opinion Column

An opinion column focuses on a journalist's beliefs about a topic, whereas a news article focuses on the facts. Write an opinion column on whether Ralph should have stayed close to home, or left home to look for adventure. You may want to read some opinion columns in a newspaper. Make your columns persuasive by explaining your opinions clearly and supporting them with facts.

