

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

Beverly Cleary

Chapter Two

Words to Learn

despair: *n.* Hopelessness

chromium: *n.* A hard, shiny, metallic element used to harden steel and protect it from corrosion

jauntily: *adv.* With self-confidence and ease

Newspaper Activities

Write a Classified Ad

Imagine you need to sell Keith's motorcycle. Compose a newspaper ad to attract potential buyers. Look through the classified ads in the newspaper. Make a list of things a classified ad usually includes, such as a description of the item's features, its price, and instructions for contacting the seller. In your ad, be sure to include descriptive details from Chapter 2. Make the motorcycle sound as appealing as possible and remember to include the price and imaginary contact information.

Write a Help-Wanted Ad

Write a help-wanted ad for a job at the Mountain View Inn. Imagine that Matt, the bellboy, is away for the summer, and that the inn needs to find someone to take his place. What qualifications must the applicant have? What kinds of tasks will he or she do? What benefits does this job offer? How long will the summer season last? Look at classified job ads in a newspaper and note what they usually include. Include those elements in your ads.



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