

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

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Chapter Four

Words to Learn

mislaid: *v.* To misplace

cower: *v.* To cringe in fear

quiver: *v.* To shake, vibrate or tremble

dignity: *n.* The quality of being worthy of respect

Newspaper Activities

Write an Editorial

Write an editorial in the voice of Ralph's mother or Keith's mother, explaining why the chosen character believes that motorcycle riding is dangerous. Find statements in Chapter 4 to support your ideas.

Editorials should express the character's opinions and address the beliefs of readers who might disagree with them.

Draw a Comic Strip

Study a comic strip in a newspaper. Notice how words and illustrations are used to tell a short story or make a point. Reread the scene in Chapter 4 in which Ralph learns how to ride the motorcycle. Depict the scene in comic strip form. Use humor in your words and illustrations.

