

# THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

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## Chapter Five

### Words to Learn

**threshold:** *n.* The entrance to a house, room or building

**momentum:** *n.* Force of movement of a physical object or course of events

**exhilarated:** *adj.* Invigorated; stimulated

**baseboard:** *n.* A wooden board forming the base of something

### Newspaper Activities

#### Write a Feature Article

Write an article about the cinnamon buns for the food section of the newspaper. First, reread the description of the cinnamon buns in Chapter 5. Create a recipe for the popular cinnamon buns; be sure to include the ingredients and step-by-step instructions. Give the cinnamon buns a catchy name, tell readers why they are good to make at home, and include the recipe.

#### Write a News Article

Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter. Write a news article about the motorcycle-riding mouse at the Mountain View Inn. Start by making a list of hotel guests who saw the mouse ride the motorcycle. Conduct imaginary interviews with these characters and write down what each one might have reported seeing, in addition to when and where they saw it. Include details from the book and from their imaginary interviews.

