

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

Beverly Cleary

Chapter Seven

Words to Learn

devour: *v.* To eat hungrily or ravenously

reckless: *adj.* Careless; without caution

exhaust: *v.* To drain of strength or energy

Newspaper Activities

Create an Advertisement

Write a newspaper advertisement for a vacuum cleaner. Study newspaper ads and think about what might make readers notice your ad and want to buy the vacuum. Your ad should include a description of the vacuum cleaner, an illustration of it, and a coupon or special sale price.

Draw a Comic Strip

Study comics in the newspaper notice how they combine words and illustrations to describe a scene. Draw a comic strip about Ralph running back and forth with the motorcycle as he tries to avoid being sucked into the vacuum cleaner. You may want to reread this scene in Chapter 7.



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