

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

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Chapter Eight

Words to Learn

reunion: *n.* A regular gathering of relatives, friends or associates

pilfering: *n.* Stealing

tactless: *adj.* Inconsiderate; blunt; rude

foolhardy: *adj.* Reckless; foolishly bold

Newspaper Activities

Write a Feature Article

Write an article for the family section of the newspaper. The article should be about family reunions. Suggest activities that people might enjoy together during a family reunion, food they might serve, and places where large families might gather. Your article should also address why people organize family reunions and how family reunions benefit people who attend them.

Write a Letter to the Editor

Write a letter to the Editor telling why it is important to wear a helmet while riding motorcycles. Before starting make a list of the safety benefits of helmets. In addition, write a list of vivid words that might persuade others to wear helmets when they ride motorcycles. Make your letter as persuasive as you can.



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