

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

Beverly Cleary

Chapter Twelve

Words to Learn

grimly: *adv.* Sternly; severely

detour: *n.* A route taken when the main route is closed or blocked

din: *n.* A loud, steady noise

nuisance: *n.* Something that causes trouble

Newspaper Activities

Draw a Comic Strip

Draw a comic strip about the scene in Chapter 12 in which Ralph rides the ambulance into the elevator with the man and his barking dog.

Write a News Article

Write a news article about Ralph bringing an aspirin to Keith. Explain how he accomplished the feat, when and where it happened, and why he did it. Imagine that you are able to interview Ralph and Keith. Write down questions you would ask each character and then create answers these characters might give. Include some of these answers in their articles.



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