

**Dear Future Third Grader,**

Over the summer, please read *The Pain and the Great One* by Judy Blume. As you read, use this packet to help you keep track of important information.

Judy Blume is one of my favorite authors, and I hope you enjoy the book as much as I do! I can't wait to discuss it with you when we return to school in August.

Have a wonderful summer break!

**Miss MacDonald**

## Prologue: Meet the Pain and the Great One

: Who is the "Pain?" What is he like?

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Who is the "Great One?" What is she like?

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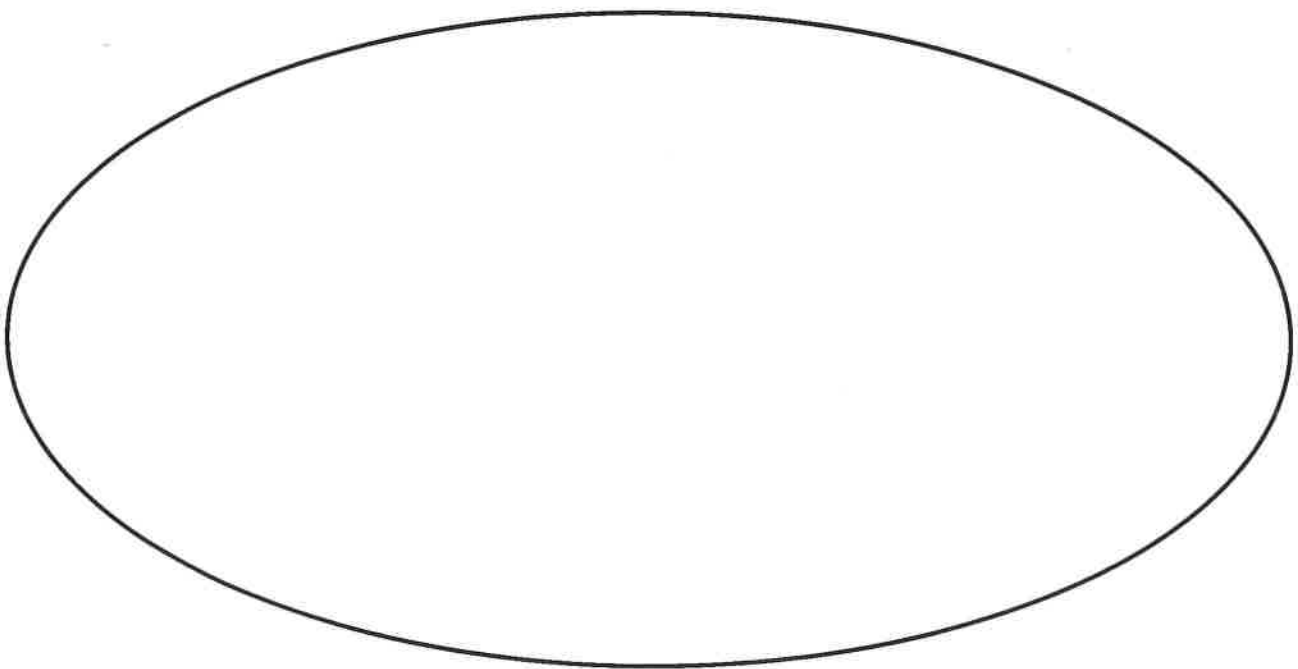
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What do the Pain and the Great One have in common?

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Draw and label a picture of your family.



## Chapter 1: Mr. Soupy

What is an **errand**?

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What types of errands does your family do?

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Why did the shoe salesman try to sell the Pain new snow boots?

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How would you help the Pain overcome his fear of haircuts?

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Explain how the Pain finally got his haircut.

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## Chapter 2: Soccer Doc

Why is the coach called "Soccer Doc?"

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Jake said he felt like a superhero when he wore the goalie gear.  
Tell about a time that you wore special clothes.

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What did Jake discover after talking to Justin about soccer?

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How would this chapter be different if it was written from the Great One's perspective?

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Name the part of speech (*noun, verb, adjective*):

coach \_\_\_\_\_ dragged \_\_\_\_\_

dribble \_\_\_\_\_ long \_\_\_\_\_

jersey \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 3: The Great Pretender

What is Abigail afraid to do?

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Abigail's mom said that lying is not the same as pretending. Do you agree? Why or why not?

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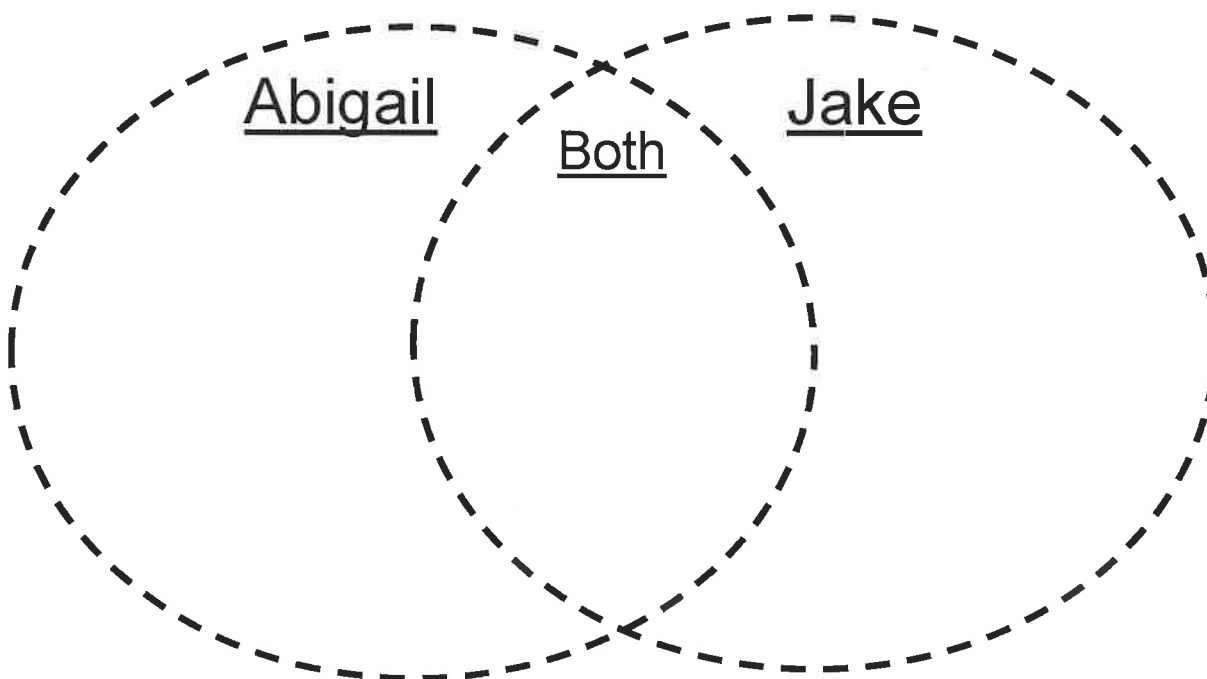
What do you think Abigail told her friend Emily on the phone?

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How are Jake and Abigail alike and different?



## Chapter 4: Party Girl

Describe your idea of the perfect sleepover.

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What is wrong with Jake? How does this change the party plans?

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How do Abigail's feelings change throughout the chapter? Give at least 3 examples.

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Read these words from the story. Identify the base word and the suffix for each word.

Word	Base Word	Suffix
choking		
borrowed		
sleepy		

## Chapter 5: Olive One

Give 2 examples of how the Pain annoys his sister.

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What is the surprise ending in this story? How does Abigail feel about it?

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How are Jake's feelings different from Abigail's in this story?

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Read these contractions from the chapter. Identify the two words that make up each contraction.

Contraction	Word Parts (word + word)
you'd	+
you'll	+
you're	+

## Chapter 6: Olive Two

: What would be a better title for this chapter? Why?

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: Write a summary to tell what happened in this chapter.

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Do you think Jake did a good job of caring for Olive? Explain your answer.

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Look through the chapter to find words to complete the table.

Noun	Verb	Adjective



## Chapter 7: Weirdo on Wheels

Would you like to have Olive as a pet? Why or why not?

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What are the things Abigail thinks she is good at?

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How does Abigail describe Mitchell? What other details does the author share about him?

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Why is Abigail the "Weirdo on Wheels?"

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## Chapter 8: The Last Word From the Great One

What would have been a better way for Abigail to get her markers back from her brother?

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## Chapter 9: The Last Word From the Pain

How could the Pain have reacted to his sister instead of calling her mean names?

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## Chapter 10: The Last Word From Fluzzy

What did you think about the ending of this book? Why?

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