

**Dear Future Third Grader,**

Over the summer, please read *Soupy Saturdays with 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**

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***Parents, if you enter the ISBN number into Amazon or provide it to your local bookseller or librarian, you are guaranteed to get the correct book. There are multiple books in The Pain and the Great One series, and I want to limit confusion. Thank you! :)***

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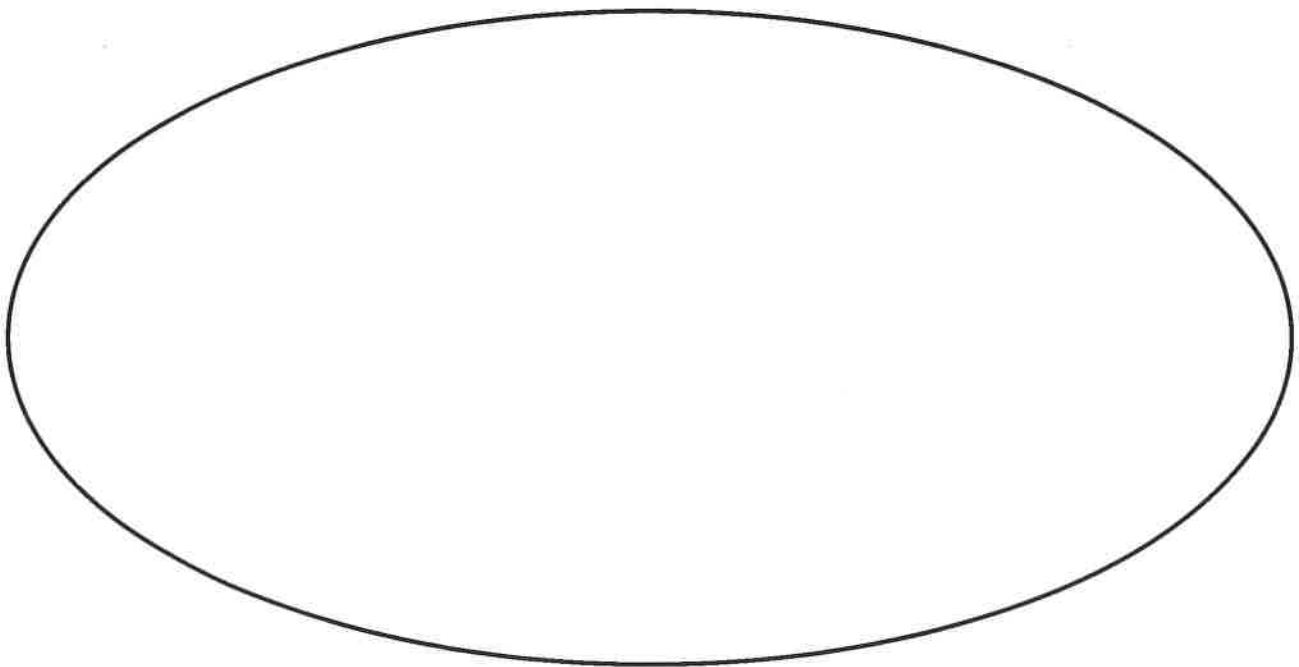
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What do the Pain and the Great One have in common?

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Draw and label a picture of your family.



## Chapter 1: Mr. Soupy

What is an **errand**?

What types of errands does your family do?

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

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

Explain how the Pain finally got his haircut.

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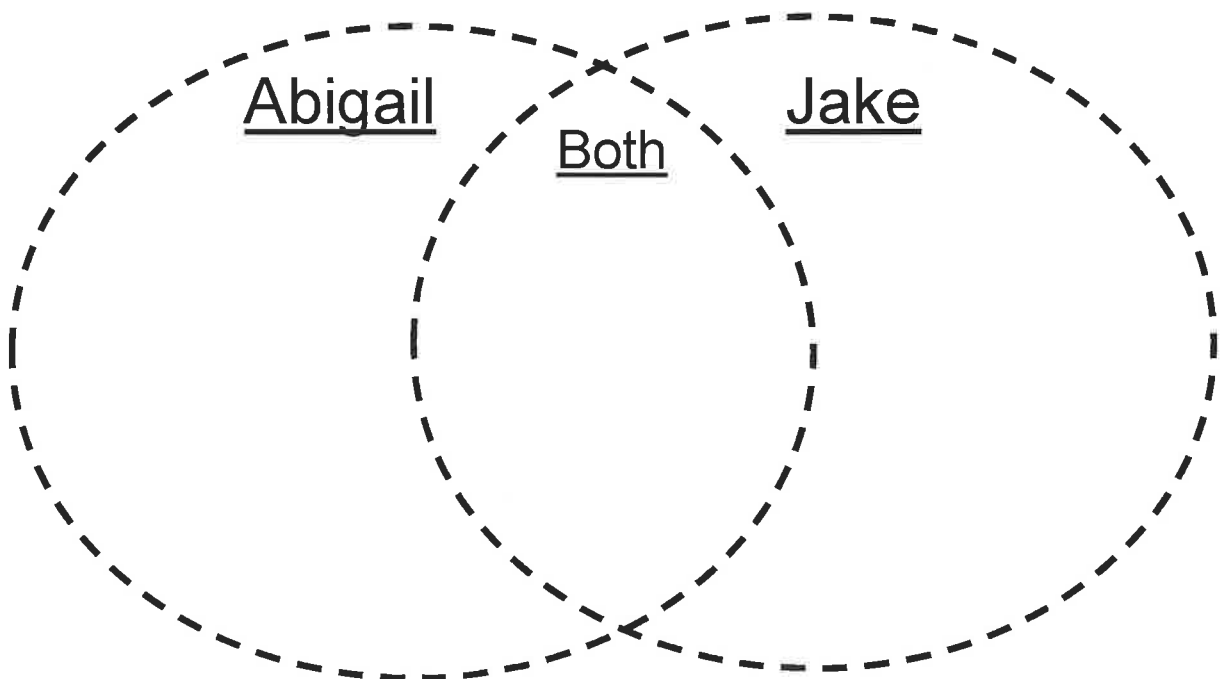
What do you think Abigail told her friend Emily on the phone?

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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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