Chapter 5

A Clue at the Zoo
In the Poo
Prereading
Common Core Standards

• 3.2.2.2 and 4.2.2.2 and 5.2.2.2 I can recount the key, major, details and summarize a text.

• 3.3.1.3 and 4.3.1.3 and 5.3.1.3 I can apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words, reading grade appropriate irregularly spelled words.

• 3.1.4.4 and 4.1.4.4, and 5.1.4.4 I can determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language, including figurative language
“Soft c (ce, ci, cy) and Soft g (ge, gi, gy)”
When “c” is followed by e, i, or y, it makes the /s/ sound.
When “g” is followed by e, i, or y, it makes the /j/ sound.

Soft “c” words in this chapter:

disappearance glanced importance
celebrations performances city

Soft “g” words in this chapter:

huge danger generously barge
adequate means there is enough
One hiding rabbit has adequate cover. The other rabbit has inadequate cover. Chuck thought garbage cans would provide adequate cover for Jet and Bruce.
taking a tram to the peak, or top, of a mountain
Idiom: “you are hand fed” means that you haven’t had many hard or dangerous experiences. It does not mean someone feeds you by hand every day. Chuck calls his brother “hand fed.” Which children below would Chuck call “hand fed?”
Idiom: “caught a ferry” means that you took a ferry. You do not catch a ferry with your hands. *(Today I catch a ferry. Yesterday, I caught a ferry. Tomorrow, I will catch a ferry.)* This ferry is in a harbor.
Idiom: “took their leave” means that they left. It does not mean they took a leaf. These people are “taking their leave” from this building.
Postreading
Chapter Summary

• Read the summary of the chapter on the next page. Which two sentences are minor details and could be taken out of this summary? Write down the numbers of the two sentences you would remove from this summary. (Teacher can also print all of the sentences on cardstock and have students put six of the eight sentences in order to create a summary of the chapter.
1. Jet saves he and Bruce by using the Air-Key Open Palm Move to get them out of the cage underwater.
2. The water ruined their cell phones.
3. Chuck’s brother, Throw, takes Donnie and Chuck to the zoo.
4. Donnie and Chuck see a giant footprint in the middle of a pile of tiger poo and decide The Ringmaster’s clowns have been there.
5. Jet and Bruce call Donnie and Chuck from a pay phone and tell them they heard the clowns talking about a light show on New Year’s Eve.
6. A loud speaker at the zoo announced a New Year’s celebration with fireworks at The Peak.
7. The meerkats agree to meet at the tram terminal for The Peak.
8. Chuck’s brother, Throw, asks if he can come with them.
Sentences with *minor details* that could be removed from the summary.

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8. Chuck’s brother, Throw, asks if he can come with them.