

PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

1. This story is about a boy who is a detective. Think of a detective you know about from books or TV. Tell a friend about him or her. Make a list of things that often happen in detective stories.
2. Read the title and look at the cover of the book. Why do you think Nate is great? What else does he do? What do you think he will do in this book?

I think that Nate the Great will try to _____
 _____ . That's because he

 _____ .

3. Did you ever look for something that was lost? Did you find it? Write about what happened.

Once I tried to find my _____ .
 I looked for it _____
 _____ .
 Finally, I _____
 _____ .

4. Tell about the best picture you ever drew or painted.

One time I drew a really good picture of _____
 _____ . What I liked most about it was
 _____ . I put this picture
 _____ . When people saw it
 they said, " _____ ."

Pages 7 – 15 (cont.)**Rhyming Words:**

We can say that *Nate* rhymes with *Great* because the ending sounds are the same. Circle the words below that rhyme with *Nate*.

weight

hate

eight

treat

bait

heat

rat

freight

meat

trait

crate

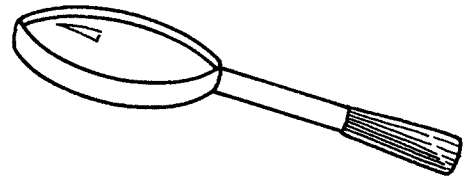
rate

Writing Activity:

Read Nate's note to his mother on page thirteen. Then pretend you are Nate. Write a better note. Be sure to tell where you have gone and why.

Dear Mom,

Love,
Nate



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Vocabulary: Read the words in the Word Box. Then write each word on the line next to the words it goes with.

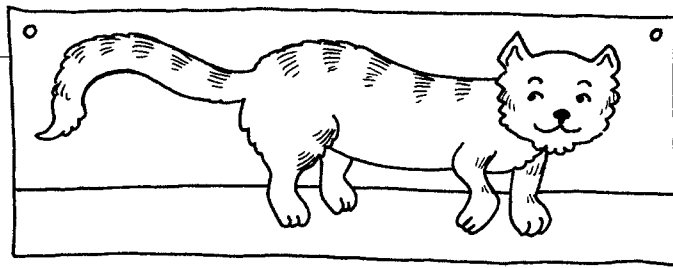
<i>WORD BOX</i>			
breakfast	notebook	picture	yesterday
detectives	pancakes	rubbers	

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| 1. _____ | drawing | painting |
| 2. _____ | raincoat | boots |
| 3. _____ | pencil | pen |
| 4. _____ | toast | eggs |
| 5. _____ | lunch | dinner |
| 6. _____ | today | tomorrow |
| 7. _____ | case | mystery |

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Now use the words from the Word Box to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

1. Wear _____ to keep your feet dry on rainy days.
2. How many _____ do you eat in the morning?
3. The first meal of the day is usually _____.
4. Today is April fourth. _____ was April third.
5. The _____ solved the case.
6. Write the story in your _____.
7. Did you paint this _____?

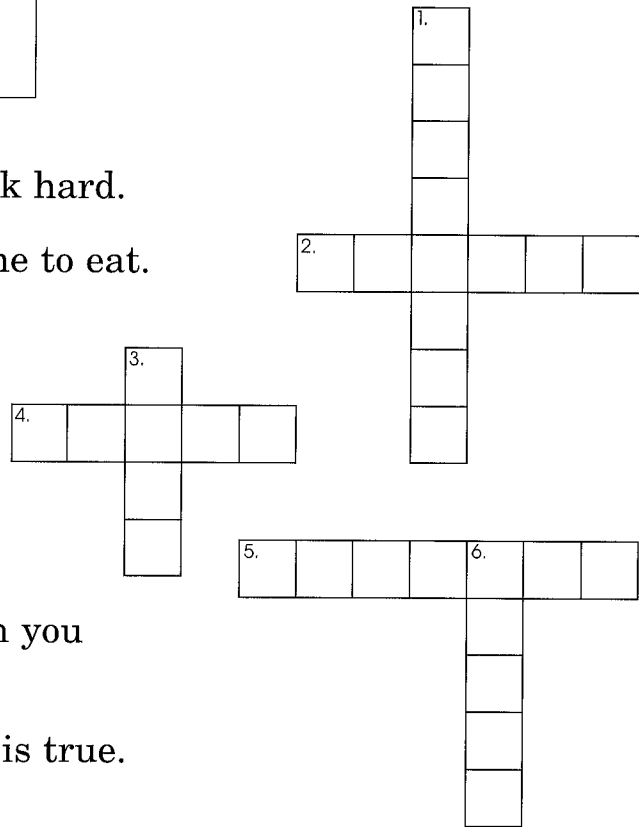


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Vocabulary: Use the words from the Word Box to fill in the word puzzles.

WORD BOX		
claws	prove	tail
hungry	strength	tripped

1. You need this to be able to work hard.
2. When you feel this way, it's time to eat.
3. Soft end of a cat's body.
4. Sharp tips of a cat's paws.
5. You might have done this when you weren't looking.
6. You do this to show something is true.



Now use the words from the Word Box to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

1. The cat scratched me with its _____.
2. When Nate is _____, he eats more pancakes.
3. Eating pancakes helps Nate keep up his _____.
4. The cat meowed when I stepped on its _____.
5. I _____ on a rock and fell down.
6. Solving the case will _____ Nate is a great detective.