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Flory's Gulp

"What do you mean *gulp*?" Flory said.

Hilda groaned. "When you drink, you sound like a dying whale! *Gulp! Gulp! Gulp! Guuuulp!*" Hilda gulped milk and made her eyes bug out. Other kids at the cafeteria table laughed.

Flory's ears felt hot. "I get thirsty," she said.

"So?" said Alicia. "You've *got* to fix that gulp." She fluffed her long, red hair. "We can't have a gulper in the Great Gizmo Girls."

"The Gizmo club was my idea!" Flory said.

"The club is about using machines to solve problems," Alicia said. "Our club needs good gizmos, not goofy gulpers." She giggled.

Flory frowned. "Don't worry," she said. "I'll fix my problem."

The next day at lunch, Hilda said, "Any solutions, Miss Gulp?"

"Yes," Flory said. "A small straw." She poured a cup of juice and put in the straw. "Now I can't get enough juice to gulp." She slurped the straw. *Slurrrrrrp!!* "See?"

"Not so loud," Alicia said. "Can't you be nice?"

"Sorry. I'm thirsty." *Slurp!* Flory slurped. *Slurrrrp!! Slurrrrrrrrp!*

"The slurping is worse than the gulping!" Alicia yelled. "Stop!"

"Okay," Flory said, and she gulped her juice.

The next day, Flory had a strange mask. "It covers my mouth, so I have to sip. See?" She put the mask on and sipped her milk.

Hilda snorted. "You look like a space alien."

"True," Alicia said. Then Flory said something. "What?" Alicia asked. "Are you making fun of me? I can't hear you! Take off that mask!" Flory shrugged, took off the mask, and gulped her milk.

On the third day, Hilda yelled, "Flory, what is that crazy machine on your back? It looks like a rocket!"

"My best gizmo yet," Flory said. "I get one drip at a time. Watch." She pulled a crank. *ROOOOAR!!* went the motor.

Purple juice spurted everywhere! "I'm all sticky!" Hilda cried.

"Stop!" Alicia shouted. "Not grape juice on my white shirt!"

Flory yanked back the crank. "Oops," she said. Her ears felt hot. "I guess there was a leak. But that gives me another idea—"

"No!" Hilda yelled. "No more gulp-free gizmos!"

"None!" Alicia shouted. "I don't care how much you gulp!"

Flory smiled. "I guess my problem is solved."

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Exercise A: Why did Flory do that?

Read each question and think about it. Some questions have a right or wrong answer. Others can have different answers.

1. Remember this part of the story:

Flory's ears felt hot. "I get thirsty," she said.

How do you think Flory felt? Circle the word that tells how.

happy

tired

dumb

bored

2. Why didn't Alicia like Flory to use a straw?

3. How did the mask help Flory stop gulping?

4. Flory didn't mean to spray her friends with grape juice.
How can you tell?

5. On Flory's "rocket" machine, what was the crank for?

6. Do you think Flory ever planned to stop gulping? Why or why not?

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Exercise B: Imagine You're Flory!

For this exercise, just imagine. Enjoy yourself.

1. Imagine you are Flory. You're at a meeting of the Great Gizmo Girls. What are you, Alicia, and Hilda doing?

2. What if Flory hadn't made those machines? Imagine she had said, "Alicia and Hilda, I don't care if you don't like my gulping." What do you think would have happened?

3. Imagine another crazy machine that might help Flory stop gulping. How does it work?

4. Make up a crazy machine that solves a different problem. How does it work?

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Exercise C: Hunt the Gulp!

Now let's hunt a few words! Find each word in the **WORD LIST** and cross it out. Words can be side-to-side (horizontal) or up-and-down (vertical). Remember, a letter can be part of more than one word!

WORD LIST

GULP

FLORY

HILDA

ALICIA

SLURP

GIZMO

CRANK

MASK

PURPLE

ROCKET

MACHINE

Q X S Z B G F F A

W A L I C I A L G

G M U Y A Z D O V

U A R Z F M B R U

L S P X E O G Y D

P K R P T Z K J C

R O C K E T S X R

B F P U R P L E A

C Q L I I D Y Z N

H I L D A V O U K

J M A C H I N E Z

Extra Credit!

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Exercise D: Scrambles

1. What do GULP, PLUG, and ULGP have in common? They all use the same letters. (Don't worry: ULGP isn't a real word.) Each word on the right side uses the same letters as one word on the left side. Draw a line between the words that use the same letters. (Hint: Remember, a word's match always has the same *number* of letters.)

SKAM

GULP

OGMIZ

FLORY

YROLF

HILDA

ENAMICH

ALICIA

PLURPE

SLURP

EROCKT

GIZMO

SURPL

CRANK

LIDAH

MASK

NARCK

PURPLE

AAIILC

ROCKET

PLGU

MACHINE

2. Now for a harder trick! Unscramble each of these jumbles into a real word from our story. Write the word on the line.

a. ULPG _____

b. NULCH _____

c. IUECJ _____

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Flory's Gulp (Primary) Answer Key:

Exercise A

1. dumb
2. The slurping was worse than the gulping
3. It covered her mouth so she had to sip.
4. She said "Oops." Or Her ears felt hot, which meant she was embarrassed.
5. To turn the machine on and off.
6. *Answers vary.*

Exercise B

All answers vary.

Exercise C

Q X S Z B G F F A
W A L I C I A L G
G M U Y A Z D O V
U A R Z F M B R U
L S P X E O G Y D
P K R P T Z K J C
R O C K E T S X R
B F P U R P L E A
C Q L I I D Y Z N
H I L D A V O U K
J M A C H I N E Z

Exercise D

1. SKAM MASK
 OGMIZ GIZMO
 YROLF FLORY
 ENAMICH MACHINE
 PLURPEP URPLE
 EROCKT ROCKET
 SURPL SLURP
 LIDAH HILDA
 NARCK CRANK
 AAIILC ALICIA
 PLGU GULP
2. a. PLUG
 b. LUNCH
 c. JUICE