

# FINDING THE PLOT

## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

### The Middle of Nowhere

Vince and his mom decided to take a bus to their favorite restaurant—Sippin’ Savory Soups. They got to the bus stop just as a bus was pulling away.

“Wait!” his mother yelled. Luckily, the bus driver stopped. Vince and his mom ran onto the bus.

Vince watched his neighborhood pass by through the window. After they had been riding for a while, Vince started to see unfamiliar places.

“Where are we?” Vince asked. His mom said that they must have taken the wrong bus.

“We’re in the middle of nowhere!” Vince cried. “What if we never find our way home?” His mother spoke to the driver, and Vince tried not to worry. Just then, they passed a playground. Kids were playing on a shiny, curvy slide. Vince had never seen one like it.

Vince and his mom got off at the next bus stop and took a new bus. In no time, they had arrived at their soup restaurant in time for dinner. The restaurant was full of people sipping soups.

“Happy to be in a place you know?” his mom asked.

“Yes,” Vince said, “but can we go to the playground with the curvy slide sometime?”

“You mean the one in the middle of nowhere?” his mother asked. They laughed and then hungrily sipped their favorite soups.

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1. What is the most important thing that happened in the story?
  - a. The bus was pulling away from the bus stop.
  - b. Many people were in the restaurant.
  - c. Vince and his mom were hungry.
  - d. Vince and his mom took the wrong bus.

2. Where is Vince when he sees the curvy slide?
  - a. at Sippin' Savory Soups
  - b. on the wrong bus
  - c. at a playground
  - d. at home

3. At the end of the story, where was Vince?

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4. What details in the story tell you where Vince was at the end?

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