

Unit 11 - Little Minnie

award
core

fuel
gap

mention
motor

nibble
settle

tiny
wealthy

11A Introduction

Do you know about Little Minnie? No? Little Minnie is so small that she sleeps in a shoebox. She's so small that she can wash her face with a drop of rain. She's Little Minnie.

11B Song Lyrics

*Hey! I'm Little Minnie,
A little girl living in the big city.
Open up your eyes; 'cause I'm small-sized,
Face it: I could hula-hoop with a bracelet.*

Do you know about Little Minnie?
A girl so small; she's **tiny**, really.
Little Minnie is small like a little bitty kid,
Smaller than that, she isn't big.
If there were a prize or **award**
For the world's smallest girl, "I'd win!" I'm sure.
Little Minnie will never **settle** down,
Calm down or stay in the same town.

Always been on the move, she's never lazy,
Ever since she was a baby.
Some think she's from the center of the Earth, the **core**,
I don't know; I'm not sure.
Doesn't take big bites, Little Minnie **nibbles**,
Takes little bites; yep, it's simple.
She plays the violin; it's a little bitty fiddle,
She's little, she's smaller than a pickle.

*Hey! I'm Little Minnie,
A little girl living in the big city.
Open up your eyes; 'cause I'm small-sized,
Face it: I could hula-hoop with a bracelet.*
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She needs a little bit of **fuel** in her little bitty car,
 Fuel is like gasoline to make you go far.
 It gives power to the **motor**, the engine,
 The thing that makes her car move.
 Did I **mention**? Did I already say the girl is mini?
 Small as a kitty, and she's pretty.
 She's got a little **gap** between her teeth,
 A little space between her teeth. "You see?"

She's **wealthy**; that means she has money,
 She has a saddle and she rides on a bunny.
 She named her bunny "Mummy"—isn't that funny?
 When she gets sick, her nose gets runny.
 She's a little bit of this, a little bit of that,
 Little Minnie's got what Little Minnie has.
 A little bitty comb, a little bitty phone,
 "Knock! Knock!" Who's there? "Little Minnie's home!"
 She's grown, but she didn't grow much,
 So small, she fits in the middle of a doughnut.
 So what? She loves being mini,
 A little bitty girl living in a big city.

*Hey! I'm Little Minnie,
 A little girl living in the big city.
 Open up your eyes; 'cause I'm small-sized,
 Face it: I could hula-hoop with a bracelet.
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11C Words Defined

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award

(noun) You give someone an award when they win something or do something really well. *Dallas won an **award** for his science project.*

(verb) If you award someone something, you give it to them as a prize. *Dina **awarded** goody bags to the kids who came to her party.*



core

(noun) The core is the center or middle part of some round things like fruit or planets. *We cut the apple into pieces, then threw away the **core**.*



fuel

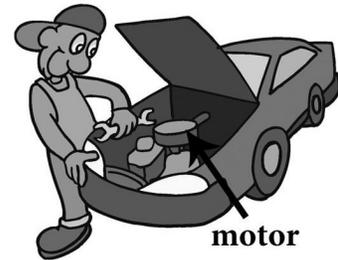
(noun) Fuel is something, like gasoline, that is burned to give power or heat. *The lawn mower needed **fuel** in order to cut the grass.*

gap

(noun) A gap is a space in between two things that are usually closed. *The mouse squeezed in between the **gap** in the floorboards.*

mention

(verb) If you mention something, you talk about it without saying too much about it. *Krista **mentioned** that she wasn't feeling well this morning.*



motor

(noun) A motor is an engine, an object that allows something to move or do work. *The car's **motor** was broken. My brother Donny tried to fix it.*

nibble

(verb) When you nibble something, you take little bites of it. *The bunny **nibbled** on the flowers in our garden.*

settle

(verb) 1. When you settle down, you stop moving around. You take it easy and relax. *After my brother has a temper tantrum, he usually **settles** down.*

2. If you settle a problem or fight, you figure out how to solve it. *The kids **settled** on a way to share the cupcake.*

3. If you settle in a town, it means you choose to live there for a long time. *My family **settled** in Connecticut after my mom got a job there.*

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tiny

(adj) If something is tiny, it is very small. *I have a **tiny** dog. He only weighs 5 pounds.*

**wealthy**

(adj) If you're wealthy, you have a lot of money. You are rich. *The owners of the big house are very **wealthy**.*



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11D Synonyms

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Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

1. the center	core	award	fuel
2. an engine	award	core	motor
3. a space between two things	award	gap	core
4. very small	wealthy	motor	tiny
5. to take tiny bites	nibble	mention	settle

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11E Fill in the Blank

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Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. The teacher _____ the kids with a sticker for doing well on the test.

mentioned

settled

awarded

2. Jackie _____ that she would like to go bowling for her birthday.

nibbled

mentioned

settled

3. We went to the gas station to get _____ for our car.

core

fuel

gap

4. The man was very _____. He was able to buy anything he wanted.

wealthy

settle

tiny

5. We needed to look at the rules of the game to _____ who had won.

wealthy

nibble

settle

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11F Connections

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Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. Robby added wood to the fireplace to get the fire going.

2. Benjamin lost his front tooth. There was a big open space in his teeth.

3. Chloe said that she was sad, but she didn't want to talk about it much.

4. Manuel got a trophy in the dance contest.

5. The baby kittens were so small.

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11G Applying Meanings

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Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. Which of these animals probably **nibbles** on its food?

- (A) a whale
- (B) a snake
- (C) a hamster
- (D) a shark

2. What would you find in the **core** of an apple?

- (A) red shiny skin
- (B) a brown stem
- (C) green leaves
- (D) small seeds

3. You might say someone is **wealthy** if she

- (A) has a big nose
- (B) has a lot of fancy things
- (C) has a cold
- (D) runs in a big race

4. What does the **motor** on a car do?

- (A) It makes the car move.
- (B) It makes the outside of the car sparkly.
- (C) It pops up and you can store things in it.
- (D) You use it to get into the car.

5. Sharon's mom asked her to **settle** down. What should she do?

- (A) talk louder
- (B) change the radio station
- (C) calm down and be quiet
- (D) pick up something off the ground

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11H Reading

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Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

Diego and the Simple Science Experiment

It was the day of the big second-grade science fair at school. Diego bit his fingernails. He **nibbled** like that whenever he was feeling nervous. He looked around the room at all of the other projects. Compared to those, Diego's experiment looked so simple. He had worked hard on his project. He really wanted to come in first place. The first-place winner got a big gold trophy. After seeing his friends' projects, he figured that he couldn't win. He'd have to **settle** for just getting the ribbon that everyone got.

Diego had worked for four months on his project. He had thought long and hard about what he would do. One night, Diego heard his parents **mention** how expensive **fuel** was. His family was not **wealthy**. When gas prices went up, it was difficult for his parents to pay for it. He decided that he would do an experiment about how you could save gas by taking good care of your car. He learned that there are lots of ways you can save fuel in your car. You can make sure there isn't a lot of heavy stuff in the trunk. You can make sure the tires are full of air. And you can use the right **motor** oil. His family tried all of these tips and they worked! Diego's family saved money. They were also helping to save the Earth by using less gas. Diego felt like his experiment was very important. But with all the other fancy experiments at the fair, he thought there was no way he would win.

The judges went around and looked at all the projects. They talked to the students. They asked the kids how they had decided on their topics. They also talked to the kids about what they learned. After an hour, the judges made the big announcement. Diego couldn't believe his ears! They **awarded** him the first-place trophy! The judges told Diego that his project was the winner because it gave very important information. Diego felt so happy and proud. His simple experiment had won!



1. What does Diego do when he gets nervous?

2. What does the first-place winner get?

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3. How did Diego come up with the idea for his project?

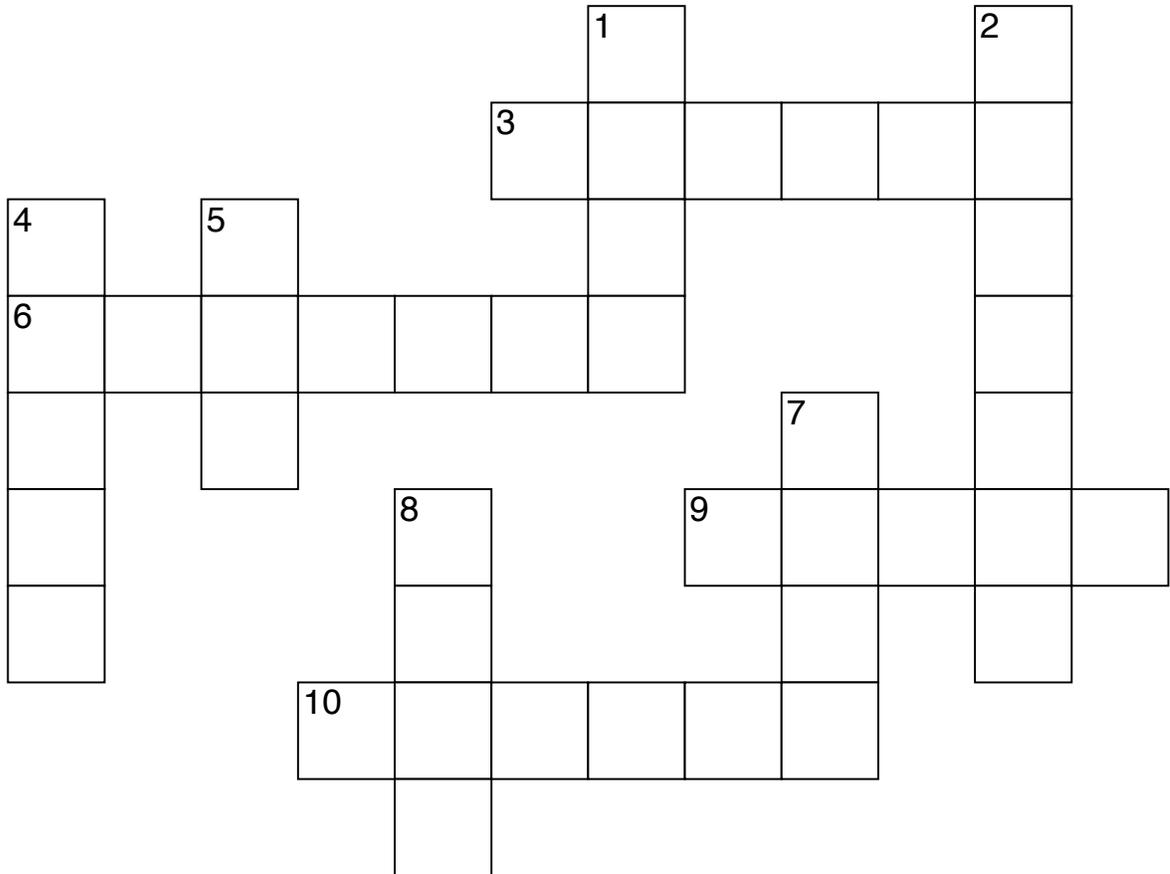
4. What things can Diego's family do to save gas?

5. Why did the judges give the first-place award to Diego?

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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle.



ACROSS

- 3** To take little bites
6 Rich
9 The boat had a _____ that made it go.
10 A referee helps _____ problems in sports games.

DOWN

- 1** The opposite of big
2 To talk about something in passing
4 A prize
5 There was a _____ in the fence. Rufus ran through it.
7 You shouldn't eat the _____ of an apple.
8 Gasoline