Grades 4-6

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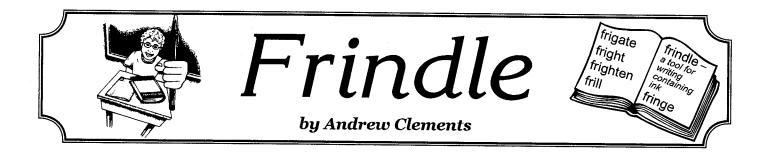


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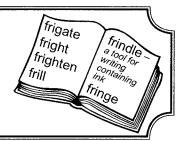


Chapter 1

Before you read the chapter:

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The puppy	on my dad's old ten	nis shoe.			
7. Scratching your fingernails across the chalkboard is very,					
I think the back tire on you	ur bike is actually	than the front one.			
The old horse	sank deeper and	d deeper in the quicksand.			
My brother's hair is	in color.				
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of February?					
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4.	Mrs. Avery reminded Nick of something. What was it?
5.	Describe what happened as a result of Nick's "great blackbird discovery".
6.	Why did Miss Avery apologize to Janet?
7.	How did Mrs. Avery finally come to deal with Nick's high-pitched chirps?

Language Activities

- 1. Choose one of the following activities and complete it in your Language Arts book.
 - a) The author gives a couple of examples of Nick's creativity, even as a young boy. Use your imagination and think of **one** other interesting idea that Nick might have had.
 - b) Nick is certainly a unique character. Describe a unique character that you have known. What was there about this person that made him/her different and interesting? Give an example of how this person was unique.
 - c) Poor Mrs. Avery was the victim of at least one of Nick's ideas. Pretend you are Mrs. Avery and write a letter to your best friend describing the "blackbird incident" from her point of view.