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The Ultimate Meal

Right after Peter learned to stand on his head, Fudge stopped eating. “No eat!” he told their mother. The family tried everything to get Fudge to eat. Peter stood on his head, and his mother took Fudge to the doctor to get him to eat. Nothing worked until Peter’s dad poured cereal over Fudge’s head! After Fudge learned about “eat it or wear it,” he decided to start eating again. Peter thought it was mean of his mother to make Fudge lamb chops while the rest of the family got stew. He wanted to eat his favorite foods, too!

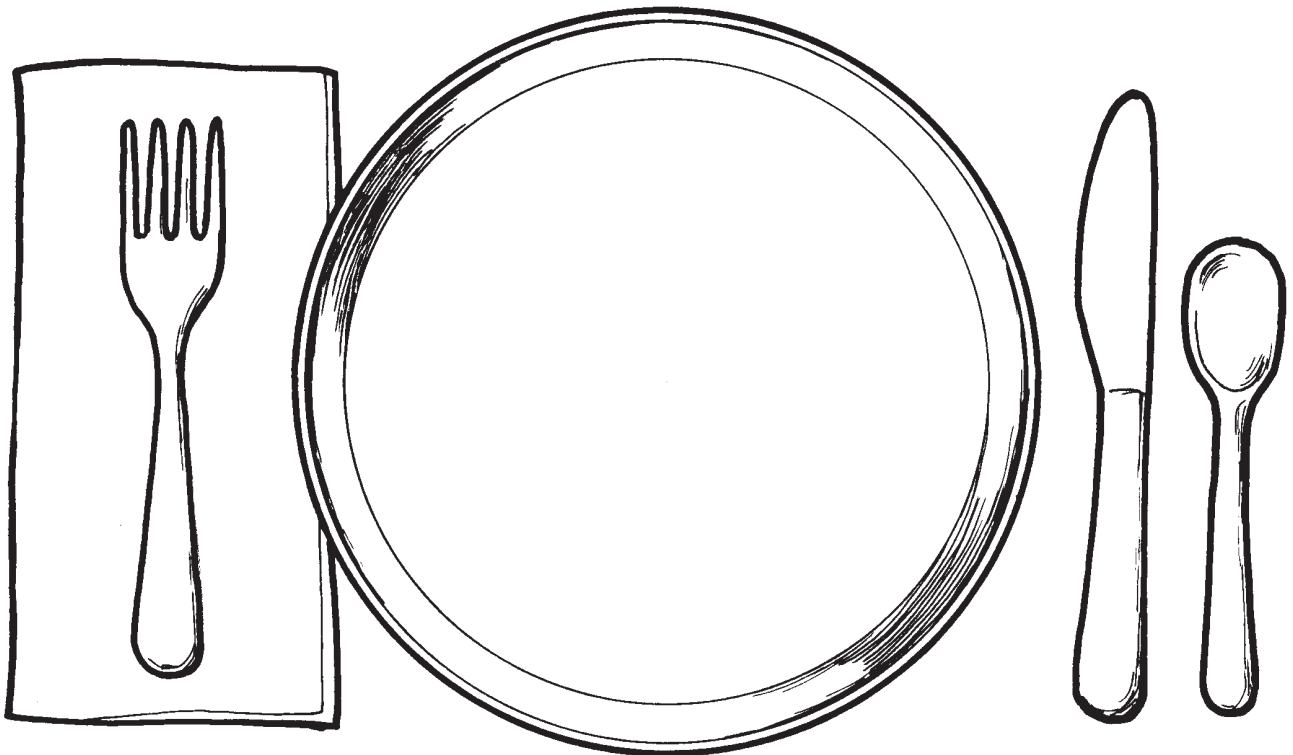
Think about Peter wanting his favorite foods and answer the questions that follow. Then complete the activity that follows.

What are some of your most favorite foods? _____

What would your life be like if you could eat just your favorite foods all of the time? _____

Design the Ultimate Meal

On the ultimate plate below, draw and color all of your favorite foods that you would enjoy eating at one meal. When you are finished, share your ultimate meal with the rest of the class. Do you think that Peter would enjoy eating your “Ultimate Meal”?



Write On!

Peter certainly has a full life with his little brother Fudge! Fudge is constantly getting into some sort of trouble or causing a problem. It seems that Peter is always called upon to help his parents out with Fudge. Peter will play jokes on Fudge and try to trick him into doing what his parents want. Sometimes this works and sometimes it doesn't. At the end of the story, Fudge returns from the hospital safe and sound, and Peter receives a surprise puppy from his parents. This appears to be a happy ending. But what if the book continued on? What kinds of adventures and problems might arise? Pretend that you are the author, Judy Blume, and you are going to add a few more chapters to this book. Work with your group and write down predictions for the following situations. (*Hint: Try to write with humor and detail like Judy Blume.*)

Situation	What Fudge Does	What Peter Does
Fudge visits Peter's classroom.		
Fudge goes grocery shopping with Peter and his mother.		
The family goes on a summer camping trip.		
Peter's mother hosts a PTA meeting at their apartment and Fudge is home, too.		
Peter gets a girlfriend and invites her over for dinner with his family.		

What kind of career will Peter have when he grows up? _____

Why? _____

What kind of career will Fudge have when he grows up? _____

Why? _____

When you are finished you might wish to read more about Fudge's adventures in *Superfudge* by Judy Blume.