

## Mighty Mite

Pete was small. In fact, he was the smallest kid in his class by far. His best friend, Raul, was just the opposite. Raul was not only tall, but he was also strong—and brave, always ready for an adventure! These qualities made Raul the natural leader of the boys at school. Sometimes Pete wished he could be more like Raul, but mostly he was resigned to his small stature.

One Saturday, Pete, Raul, and a few other boys decided to scale the cliff down by the river. As they clambered up the steep slope, something caught Raul's eye. Shouldering his way past some dead brush, he discovered the entrance to a large cave. "Follow me!" Raul hollered and vanished from sight. The others followed behind. When they were about 15 feet into the cave, they heard a terrifying crash and a rumbling roar, and then the cavern was plunged into darkness. The boys scrambled back to the entrance and were stunned to find that it was blocked by fallen boulders. Only a thin sliver of daylight shone through at the top.

Someone said, "I think we're trapped!" Pete replied, "There's no thinking necessary—we're definitely trapped." While the other boys talked anxiously, Pete peered through the dim light at the jumble of fallen rocks. He thought he could see a possible route to the top. Pete hoisted himself over the largest boulder and scrambled up to the narrow opening. It was cramped, but he managed to wriggle himself through. Once outside, he ran as fast as he could for help.

Soon, a rescue team was racing toward the cave, with Pete riding in the fire engine to show the way. A reporter interviewed him at the scene, and a photographer snapped his picture. The newspaper headline the next day read, "Mighty Mite to the Rescue!" Guess what the kids called Pete from that day on!



### MONDAY

Write each word next to its definition.

cramped      hoisted      hollered      plunged      resigned      stature

- \_\_\_\_\_ shouted
- \_\_\_\_\_ small and tight
- \_\_\_\_\_ raised; lifted
- \_\_\_\_\_ natural standing height
- \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly or unexpectedly turned bad
- \_\_\_\_\_ accepting something that can't be changed

# TUESDAY

Circle the words that describe Raul. Provide details from the story to support your answer.

brave

loner

adventurous

leader

quiet

bored

# WEDNESDAY

Choose the correct answer.

1. Who finds the cave entrance and leads the boys inside?

(A) Pete

(C) a reporter

(B) Raul

(D) a photographer

2. Who is "Mighty Mite"?

(A) Pete

(C) a superhero

(B) Raul

(D) a firefighter

3. Why can't Raul or one of the other boys besides Pete go for help?

(A) They can't find the way in the dark.

(C) They can't fit through the opening in the rocks.

(B) They are too frightened.

(D) They like being inside the cave.

# THURSDAY

Draw a line to identify each story element.

Main Character

• Pete is small enough to escape and get help.

Supporting Character

• Raul

Setting

• Fallen rocks trap the boys in a cave.

Problem

• Pete

Solution

• a cave

# FRIDAY

After the events in the story, do you think Pete will be proud of his small size?

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