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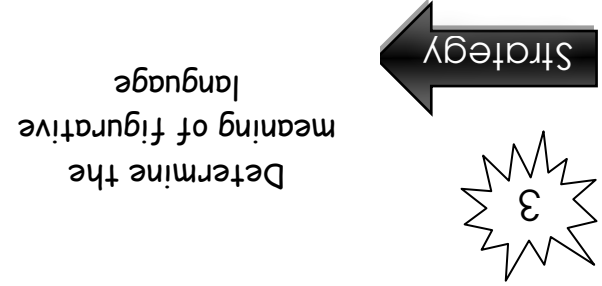
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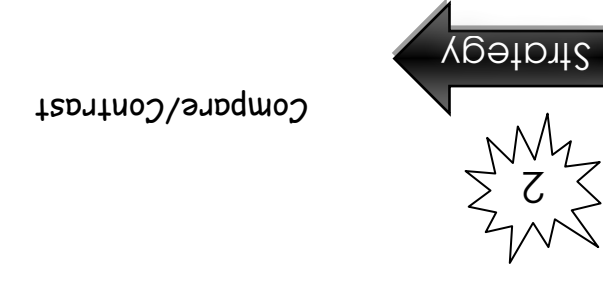
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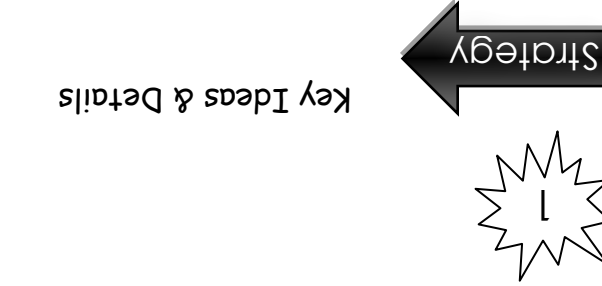
Think of the simile "the fifth-graders wagged like apples on a branch." What does this simile mean and how does this simile help make the story seem more realistic?



Compare and contrast Rudy and Miata's speeches. How are both characters different?



What are Miata's feelings at the beginning of the story? Use details from the story to support your answer.





Domain-Specific Vocabulary

Strategy

How are words such as slam, trudge, and groan related? How does this connect with the topic of the text?

Respond:

Horizontal lines for writing a response to the domain-specific vocabulary question.



Determine theme of story using details

Strategy

Miata learns an important lesson after running for office. What is it?

Respond:

Horizontal lines for writing a response to the theme question.

# Off and Running

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