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# Classroom Cereal

## Story 1

## Part 5 of 5

### “Watergate”

#### Part 5 of 5: Mr. Nitman’s Decision

#### Directions

1. Read the story
2. Find the five errors
3. Mark the errors using the key

When Cooper’s class arrived the next day, Mr. Nitman sat at his desk with his hands folded. When everyone was seated, the Teacher began.

“Good morning. This is the first time I have spoken to you from this desk, where I have made many decisions about our class. I have always tried to make these decisions fairly. Today, I see the problem with giving only one student permission to get a drink in the middle of class. Rules are important to me. I wanna create a structured environment for my students. I believe rules and structure help students feel safe. But I must admit when the rules have been unfair. I must admit my own corruption. I must put the class first. There fore, I shall change the water fountain rule, effective at noon tomorrow. Students may use the water fountain any time during class?”

the class sat in shocked silence. Finally, Mr. Nitman stood up and walked to the door. When he reached it, he turned toward his students wearing a big, unfamiliar, toothy smile. Then, as if to show them it was okay, he exited the classroom and headed to the water fountain.

#### Key

- Spelling error
- Add punctuation
- Capitalize letter
- Remove word
- Wrong word
- Move word
- Make letter lower case

#### Checklist

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

#### Question

Do you agree with Mr. Nitman’s decision to change the water fountain rule?

#### Historical Note

Watergate was a political scandal in the 1970s. Richard Nixon, the president of the United States, had abused his power and then tried to cover it up. Reporters worked to find the truth, much like Cooper did. They call it Watergate because the investigations started after a break-in at the Watergate office complex in Washington D.C.

**How do you picture the characters?** Draw Cooper, Mr. Nitman, or Eric Fincher.

