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Classroom Cereal

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Story 7

Part 4 of 5

“The Skills Test”

Part 4 of 5: At the Backstop

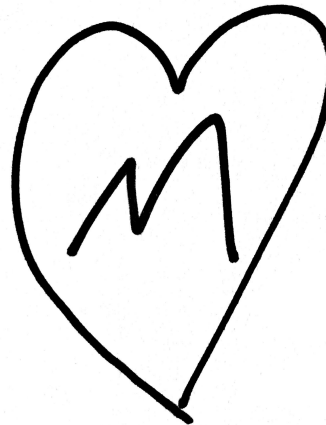
Directions

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

Behind Fairview Middle School were several open fields. The main one was a soccer field, used by PE classes and Fairview High School’s soccer teams. Another was a old softball field. Fairview Middle hadn’t had a softball team in years, but the field, or part of it, still got some use. Behind home plate was a big, chain-link backstop. along with the wooden dugout benches and a few nearby trees, the area was known throughout the school as the Backstop. In warm months, it was a popular after-school hangout. The trees and wooden benches were tattooed with carvings, scribbles, and other graffiti.

After school, Malina trudged across the still-frozen field toward the Backstop, the Twain book under her arm tucked. Halfway across the field, she lifted her chin from the warmth of her coat to see a hooded figure standing at one of the trees. The figure saw her approaching and took off running in the opposite direction. Malina accelerated into a jog. “Hey!” she called. “Are you Mark Twain?!?” She confused her words in her excitement. Was it the messenger.

When Malina arrived, three things remained of the mysterious hooded figure. The first: slightly undersized footprints in the thin snow. The second: a green Marker, its cap off and its ink wet. The third: on the tree and in green marker, a newly drawn, graffiti-like letter M written inside of a heart.



Key

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

Checklist

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Questions

Who do you think is the mysterious figure?

Why do you say so?