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# Classroom Cereal

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Story 24

Part 1 of 5

## “Kettle Cross Christmas”

### Part 1 of 5: Layers

“Layers, son,” said Charles’s dad. “It’s all about the layers.”

Their car was inching along a back road somewhere on the south side of Fairview. The final school bell of December had rung only an hour earlier, but the sun was already all most all the way down, leaving behind a purplish winter sky that looked like it was ready to burst. White and gold Christmas lights were beginning to blink to life along the street. Charles was in the passenger seat, squirming out of the puffy jacket he’d been forced to put on before leaving the house.

“That’s the most important layer,” his dad said. “Especially tonight. The snow’s supposed to start soon”

“I don’t need it,” Charles said. He smoothed the front of his sweatshirt so the shiny ironed-on words were lying flat. *Fairview Middle School Basketball*. Charles gently reached for his sleeve and grazed his fingers over the stiched cursive lettering. *Charles*.

His dad glanced over. He understood.

“Here’s the deal,” he said. “Tonight you can reverse layer. Jacket *under* sweatshirt. How’s that?”

They pulled into the parking lot of Kettle Cross Middle school, the other middle school in Fairview. Charles slithered into his new layer arrangement and reached for the door.








“Thanks, dad.”

“You no it, pal. Have fun, be safe, and give Raymond a fist bump for me.”

#### Directions

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

#### Key

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

#### Checklist

1.
2.
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#### Question

Why does Charles not want to wear his jacket?