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Main Activity Material: Chapter 5 Lesson 10

The girl sat on the park bench and waited for her best friend. Her best friend arrived and they chatted about the weekend. They decided to go shopping and buy some new games. They decided to leave.

The wail of a high-pitched shriek echoed from the kitchen. A dark, looming shadow sat at the table breathing heavily. The silhouette shifted as it let out gurgling sounds of delight. The figure's angry fists pounded the table top. Red fuzzy feet approached and let out a whooping laugh.

The bell rang and the corridors began to fill up for break. Students walked in each direction not noticing or caring if they bumped into other people. The hall was noisy and it was packed as people tried to get to their next class. As the second bell rung, people cleared out.

First a buzz followed by a ringing that echoed into the top staircase. Blue lights flashed as the sound increased and took on an angry tone. The voice urged 'fire' over and over again until footsteps followed rhythmically on the steps as people folded their hands over their ears and walked in a single file down the dark stairs into the cold night.

The bright, sunny kitchen filled with the aroma of sweet banana and the tinny sound of the oven timer rang out from the corner. Soft, fuzzy slippers padded over to the oven and lowered the heavy metal door. Hot steam filed out of the oven as a voice let out a satisfied 'UMMMMMM' in anticipation of the yummy square pan in her hands.

The cat jumped on the table and walked across it. The cat stopped at the butter dish and began to lick the butter off the dish. A woman came into the room and yelled at the cat.

The whine of a siren came to a sudden halt and the blue, rotating light lost its power as the sound of car doors shutting broke the silence of the dark night. Long legs carried sturdy bodies along the pavement and up a set of stairs. A large strong set of knuckles knocked on the door and waited for a response. Quickly, the door opened and a sleepy woman stood in its way. 'Hello, someone reported sounds of gunshot this evening coming from your house.' The woman looked at the speaker strangely and her eyes darted between the two men. 'That's strange officers, I'm here by myself.'

The police pulled up to the house and got out of their car. They walked quickly to the house and knocked on the door. The two men waited for the door to open. Once the door opened, they introduced themselves and told the woman that someone had called the police because of the sound of a gun firing. The woman looked surprised and shocked and told the police that she was the only one home.