

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs: Weather Report

Prompt

In *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett, Grandpa tells the best tall-tale bedtime story he's ever told. The tall-tale is about the town of Chewandswallow where it "never rained rain. It never snowed snow. And it never blew just wind. It rained things like soup and juice. It snowed mash potatoes and green peas. And sometimes wind blew in storms of hamburgers." Although the citizens of Chewandswallow enjoy being surprised with the menu at breakfast, lunch and dinner, the weather eventually begins to wreak havoc on the town.

You are now going to imagine that you are a newspaper reporter in your own fictional town which must have a name related to food (for example, Munchtown). As a group, you will report what happens during one day in your town when the weather gets out of control. Make sure that your article tells the reader what kind of weather your town is experiencing, describe the weather at breakfast, lunch and dinner, and tell your readers what the weather is doing, how it's doing it, and how the citizens are reacting. Remember that this article will be on the front page of the name of your town Digest so you will need an enticing headline that draws the reader's attention to your article. Your article should also:

- Answer the questions: Who? What? Where ? When? Why? How?
- Include describing words (adjectives), naming words (nouns), doing words (action verbs), ly words telling how (adverbs) and position words (prepositions) that are followed by a noun or pronoun.
- Include weather vocabulary and weather phrases (like "partly cloudy with").
- Include a direct quote from at least one citizen of your town in proper form.
- Use correct paragraph form and follow the conventions of written English.

Your article should be accompanied by a diorama of a weather-scene constructed out of food items that can be glued such as red hots, macaroni, Hershey kisses, etc. The diorama should be accompanied by a caption written in a complete sentence. Each part of speech in the caption should be underlined according to the following color-coding scheme:

Nouns - dark blue

Verbs - green

Adverbs - brown

Adjectives - red

Prepositions - orange

Conjunctions - black

Note that articles -- a, an, and the -- are determining adjectives and should be coded red.

Have fun reporting on the weather in your town. Make your article so vivid that the reader can see, hear, taste, and feel the wacky weather.