



Story Guide – Off and Running

Name _____ Teacher _____

What is the genre? _____

In this genre, the characters and events are like
_____.

Why does Miata call her classmates? p. 494 _____

What day of the week and time is Miata calling her classmates? p. 494-495 _____

Why does Papa think Miata is calling her boyfriend? _____

Compare and contrast Miata's mood with her father's mood. p. 494-495 _____

On p. 495, you might have adjusted your reading rate (read a little slower). Why might you need to read a little slower on this page? _____

What could you do to try to figure out what the Spanish words in this story mean?

Why does Miata's mother tell her about the woman who had been mayor? p. 497

Why does Miata want to know someone important? _____

What does tore mean in the sentence "Miata's family tore into the morning feast"? p.497

On p. 498, the author says "soapsuds climbing to their elbows". What does that mean?

Why did the author choose to use those words? _____

What does turn mean when the author writes, "her mind began to turn"? p. 497

Who says "better than a friend of Rudy's" p. 494 _____

Why does Miata visit Dona Vasquez? p. 497 _____

How did Miata feel on the way to Dona Vasquez's home? p. 498 _____

On p. 500, why do you think Miata's mother told her not let Dona Vasquez pay for the bread? _____

On p. 503, name two ways you know Dona Vasquez is elderly? _____

What is Dona Vasquez doing when Miata gets to her house? _____

Why did Dona Vasquez run against her husband for mayor? _____

Why didn't Dona Carmen's husband want to hire the teacher from Mexico City? p.504

What does Rudy Herrera promise to his classmates? p. 492 _____

How does Miata want to improve her school? p. 505 _____

When does Miata see Dona Vasquez's flowers? _____

How did the visit with Dona Vasquez make a difference in Miata's campaign?

If Miata and Rudy were running for office at your school, who do you think would win and why? _____

Pretend you are running for class president. Write a paragraph telling about your qualifications and persuading your class mates to vote for you.