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Introduction Statements
From The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume

Things can look very different, depending on your point of view. Identify the character from The Pain and the Great One you think made each statement. Explain why you chose that character.

1. She thinks she’s great just because she can play the piano.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad

2. I love both of my children very much.
   Pain  Cat  Mom

3. She says ooh and aah over all his pictures, which aren’t great at all.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad

4. I like to sleep on the Pain’s bed.
   Pain  Cat  Great One

Name __________________________

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The Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume is a story written from two different points of view. The first half is from the older sister’s point of view and the second half is from the younger brother’s point of view. Each of the following statements could have been made by one of the characters in the book. Circle the character you think made each statement.

1. Older children should get to do more things.
   Pain  Great One  Mom
2. I like my songs better, even if nobody heard them before.
   Pain  Great One  Cat
3. I don’t care who feeds me, just so I get fed.
   Pain  Mom or Dad  Cat
4. I think the Great One is smart and pretty.
   Pain  Mom or Dad  Great One
5. Daddy says he’s learning to take care of himself, I say he’s a slob.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
6. Every child is special.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
7. She thinks she’s so great because Aunt Diane says the baby likes her.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
8. I’m not supposed to touch him even if he’s in my drawer.
   Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
9. I’m lucky because I have two children to pet me.
   Pain  Great One  Cat
10. How come he gets to stay up as late as I do?
    Pain  Great One  Cat
11. I’m going to bed, without the Pain there’s nothing to do.
    Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
12. The Great One is just what we always wanted.
    Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
13. Sometimes when I dial the phone I get the wrong number.
    Pain  Great One  Cat
14. It’s not fair, she always gets to use the blocks.
    Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
15. It’s not the funnest thing to play blocks alone.
    Pain  Great One  Mom or Dad
Answer Key
1. Great One
2. Pain
3. Cat
4. Mom or Dad
5. Great One
6. Mom or Dad
7. Pain
8. Pain
9. Cat
10. Great One
11. Great One
12. Mom or Dad
13. Pain
14. Pain
15. Pain