

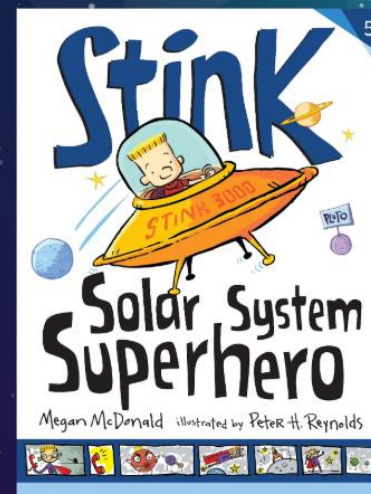
**Teaching Point:** Readers can identify and explain how the author uses idioms, metaphors, or personification to shape meaning and style. This helps the reader to better understand what he or she is reading.

<p>A PIECE OF CAKE (EASY TO DO)</p> 	 <p>WHEN PIGS FLY (WILL NEVER HAPPEN)</p>	
<p>BREAK A LEG (GOOD LUCK)</p> 	<p><b>IDIOMS</b></p> <p>A word or phrase that has a different meaning than what is being said.</p>	 <p>HIT THE BOOKS (STUDY)</p>
 <p>RAINING CATS AND DOGS (HARD AND LOUD RAIN)</p>	<p>FEELING BLUE (FEELING SAD)</p> 	

“You know, small like Pluto, but we come from behind to beat the pants off Team KPB.”

Stink went to bed and couldn't sleep a wink.


Read Aloud



**Teaching Point:** Readers use knowledge of word patterns to help them spell and read unfamiliar words.

## Phonics

When a **vowel** is followed by a **consonant** and then an **e**, the vowel makes a long vowel sound. In a **CVCe** word with a letter **a**, the vowel will make the sound /a/ as in plane.



“We **nee**d an official **name**,” said Stink.



cane

cane

fate

fate

Notice in the word cane **c** (consonant) **a** (vowel) **n** (consonant) **e** (silent e) = CVCe

Readers use paragraph level **context** to determine the meaning of words and phrases.

## Context Clues

Hints in the story or sentence that help you understand what an **unknown word means**.

The **snake slithered through the grass** while he was **hunting the rabbit**.



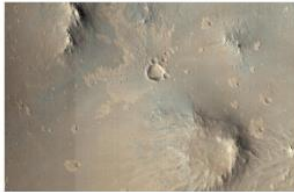
Slithered= Moved or Traveled

## Physical Features

Mars lies between Earth and the main **asteroid belt**. The asteroid belt is an area where many asteroids are gathered. **Asteroids** are pieces of rock that orbit the sun. Beyond the asteroid belt is Jupiter.

Along with Mercury, Venus and Earth, Mars is one of the **terrestrial planets**. That means it is rocky and solid.

Mars is the second-smallest planet in the solar system. The smallest is Mercury. Mars has several layers, including a metal core, a rocky middle and a crust. The surface of Mars is made of **rock and dust**. Parts of the planet have many pits called **craters**. The land includes plains, deep valleys and high mountains.



Space Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Picture
asteroid belt	area where many asteroids are gathered	
asteroids	pieces of rock that orbits the sun	
terrestrial planets	rocky and solid planet	
craters	pits on a planet	

**Teaching Point:**  
Readers use context to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words as they read.