

OPINION

1. Think about the main character of the story.
 - Why did you like or dislike him or her?
 - What did the character do to make you like or dislike him or her?
2. Did you like the way the story ended? Why or why not?
3. Did anything in the story surprise you? What? Why were you surprised?
4. If you were the writer, what might you change about the story?

FACTS AND OPINIONS

FACTS are statements you can prove. Few people argue about them.

OPINIONS are statements that tell what someone thinks about something. Different people have different opinions, and people often argue about their opinions.

1. Write down some facts in your story.
2. Next to each fact, write your opinion (what you think about the fact.)
3. If you give an opinion about a character or event, back up your statement with facts from the story.

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

1. Draw a picture of your favorite character.
2. Tell as much as you can about what kind of person the character is.
3. List things he or she did in the story.
4. Tell whether he or she is a nice person. Why do you think so?
5. Would you like to have this person as a friend? Why? Why not?

For each of the answers, find the place (or places) in the story that helps you “Prove It!”

INFERENCE

1. Before you begin a story, read the title and look at the pictures.
2. What do they tell you about the story?
3. Read the story.
4. When you are finished, think about the ending.
5. If the story continued, what do you think might happen? (Think logically.) Why? What clues in the story helped you come to that conclusion.

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SEQUENCE

1. Write down five things that happened in your story.
2. Number them by the order in which they happened.
3. Write a paragraph putting the five happenings in order.
Use clue words or phrases such as:
 - * first...
 - * next...
 - * after...
 - * before
 - * then...
 - * finally...or at last...

PREDICTING OUTCOMES

1. Read part of the book or story, and write down your guesses about what will happen.
2. List the clues that helped you make your guesses.
3. What in your own experience or past reading has been similar to this event?
4. Read on to see if you were correct.
5. Read the title, look at the illustrations, tables, or other visuals.
6. Write down your guesses about what will happen and read on to see if you were correct.