

STRATEGY

Analyze Story Structure

Explain/Model

Story structure looks at how the author organized the events of the plot using elements such as character and setting, as well as literary devices such as flashback and foreshadowing. Analyzing how the events of a story are organized can help readers better understand and remember what they are reading.

SKILL

Character and Plot

Explain/Model

- The plot is the series of events that give a story a beginning, a middle, and an end. A character is who the story is about.
- To find the plot, good readers identify the problem and how the main character tries to solve it. Good readers also look for examples of foreshadowing, or hints about what may happen next; as well as flashbacks, or a return to events that took place before the story events.

| Spelling Words | Challenge Words | Vocabulary Words |
|--|-----------------|--|
| jut cot stump nick fling tough tenth notch laugh shrug gush guess stuff scan lead sense batch dove damp rough Review words past, dock, plum | cinch blond | capable slumped categories soggy luminous gigantic archaeology credit chalkboard strands vocabulary competition orally eliminates Strategy: Context clues: Synonyms |

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Writing Focus: *5 Step Writing Process* Personal Narrative

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Analyze Story Structure

Explain/Model

Understanding how the events of a story are organized can help readers better understand and remember what they are reading. Story structure looks at how the author organized the events of the plot using elements such as setting.

SKILL

Plot and Setting

Explain/Model

- Plot is the action of the story. The plot is the series of events that give a story a beginning, a middle, and an end. To recognize the plot, identify the problem or conflict the main character faces. Find the turning point, or climax of the story when the main character finds the way to solve the problem. This solution leads to a resolution.
- The setting of a story tells where and when it takes place. Date and location of the setting can be stated or implied, or it can change within one story. Good readers analyze how the setting can impact the characters and plot of a story.

| Spelling Words | Challenge Words | Vocabulary Words |
|---|-------------------|---|
| paste heap yolk bride paid folks shave coach aim spice theme prey greed type tow plead oak grind greet growth Review words tenth, damp, stuff | decay lifetime | original wring advertisement commenced fireball impress elected sauntered exaggerating features superhuman Strategy: Use Word Parts/Compound Words |

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| STRATEGY | Analyze Text Structure |
| Explain/Model Text structure is an organizational pattern chosen by an author to meet his or her purpose for presenting information. Different kinds of text structure include sequence, description, cause and effect, problem and solution, and compare and contrast. Evaluating text structure helps the reader understand the author’s purpose. | |
| SKILL | Compare and Contrast |
| Explain/Model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify a compare-and-contrast text structure, think about how the people, objects, or events in the text are alike and different. • As you read, pay attention to words that signal likenesses, such as <i>similarly</i> and <i>also</i>. Look for words and phrases that signal differences, such as <i>but</i>, <i>different</i>, and <i>on the other hand</i>. | |

| Spelling Words | Challenge Words | Vocabulary Words |
|---|------------------|--|
| tuna crooks amuse duty hoof plume lose hooks hue few booth view doom handbook bruise bamboo prove union brood mute | strewn accuse | quest settings reduce buffet major |
| Review words theme, coach, bride | | Strategy: Use a Dictionary/Homographs |

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Writing Focus: 5 Step Writing Process Expository Writing

STRATEGY

Generate Questions

Explain/Model

Goods readers always generate questions as they read: *Do I understand what is happening here? What does this word or phrase mean? Why has the author included this information?* Looking for clues in the text that will answer these questions helps readers summarize important ideas and improve comprehension.

SKILL

Summarize

Explain/Model

- A summary is a short statement in your own words of the most important ideas or information in a selection. To summarize, readers identify the main idea, select the most important supporting details, and then restate them in their own words.

| Spelling Words | Challenge Words | Vocabulary Words |
|--|-----------------|---|
| heart starch harsh swear source scarce aboard fare coarse squares barge flare swore thorn course chart marsh sword scorn force | uproar gorge | mission disaster environment zone gravity maze adjusted function |
| Review words brood, prove, hoof | | Strategy: Context clues: Description or Explanation |

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Writing Focus: 5 Step Writing Process Personal Narrative: Friendly Letter

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Generate Questions

Explain/Model

Remember that good readers generate questions while they read like: *What is the setting and how does it affect the events in the story? what problem does the main character have? Are the reasons for the character's actions clear?* Looking for clues in the text to answer these questions helps readers identify cause-and-effect situations and arrive at a clear understanding of what happens in the story.

SKILL

Identify Cause and Effect

Explain/Model

- A **cause** is an event or action that makes something happen. Ask, “*Why?*” to find the cause.
- An **effect** is what happens because of an event or action. Ask, “*What happened?*” to find the effect.

| Spelling Words | Challenge Words | Vocabulary Words |
|---|-------------------|---|
| clear stern jeer nerve spurts sneer squirt lurch dreary verse blurt squirm surf thirst swerve lurk spur years year engineer | smear rehearse | variety transformed celebration moistened fragrance cooperation canceled theory relays stamina characteristics retrieve |
| Review words aboard, barge, scarce | | Strategy: Use a Thesaurus/Synonyms |

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Writing Focus: 5 Step Writing Process Personal Narrative: Journal Entry