

Reading Conversation Cards

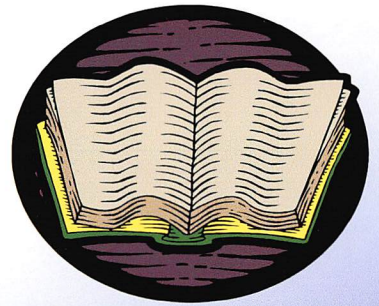


*The conversations we have
with our students about
their reading are the
bridges to proficiency.*



*Cherokee County 2003
First Grade*

About the Book



- Name the title of your book.
- Name the author.
- Name the illustrator.
- Find a picture that shows your favorite part of the book. Tell about it.
- Tell a fact and an opinion about your book.
- Compare the information you read to what you know.
- Contrast the information you read to what you know.

Genre

Genre refers to stories, informational books, or poems.



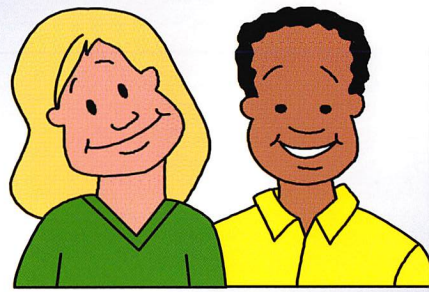
- Is this fantasy or reality? Tell why.
- Is this fiction or non-fiction? Tell why.
- If your book is fiction, who is telling the story?
- What parts of the fiction story could happen in real life?

If you choose a poem, does it rhyme?



*A fiction book is fantasy or make believe.
A non-fiction book is real or gives facts.*

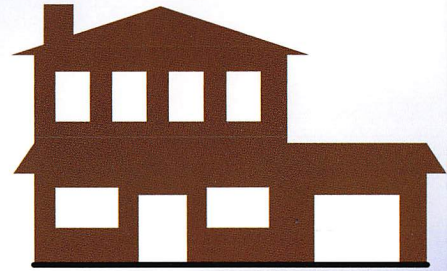
Characters



- Name the characters.
- What did the characters look like?
- What did they do?
- If this character were real, what kinds of traits would he or she have?
- Choose a character. Compare him or her to another character.
- Contrast two characters. Tell how they are different.



Setting

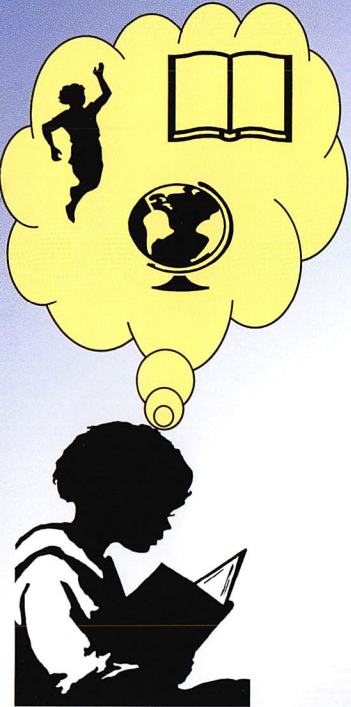


- Name the setting. Describe it.
- Does your book have more than one setting?
- Have you been to a place like this? Tell about it.
- Can you tell if the story took place a long time ago or on a day like today? Give reasons.
- Compare the setting in this book to another book's setting.
- Contrast the setting in this book to another book's setting.

Connections

Connections are your experiences and how they relate to books or the world.

- What does this book remind you of?
- What other books does this book remind you of?
- Do the characters remind you of someone else? Tell who and why.



Main Idea

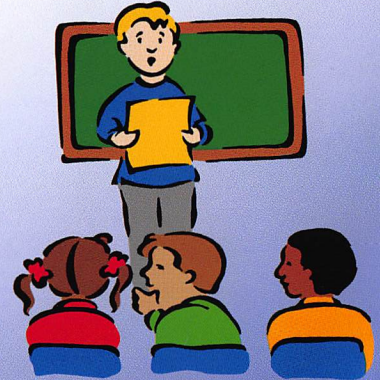


- Tell about your book. Use the names of the characters.
- What could be another title to this book?
- If you drew a picture of the main idea, what would you put in your picture?
- Summarize the main idea.

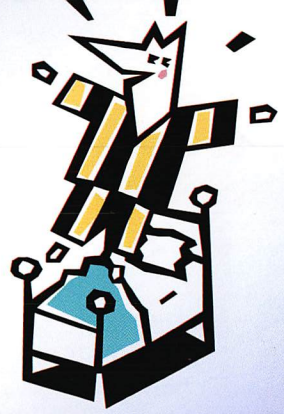
Retell

Don't forget to use the characters' names.

- Use the pictures. Retell the story.
- What happened at the beginning?
What happened in the middle?
What happened at the end?
- Retell the story in order. Use some details.



Cause and Effect



- How did your book end? Tell the reasons why it ended this way.
- Tell one thing that happened. Why did it happen. What else could have caused this to happen? What do you think the character said or did after this happened?
- What would you do if something like this happened to you? Why?

Questions



- Before you read, did you have questions about this book? What were they?
- As you read, did you stop and ask yourself questions? What were they? Did you find the answers? Where did you find them or how were you able to find them?
- Do you still have questions? What are they?