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snuffled selecting positive consisted peculiar advanced

Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

1. The dog _____ loudly as he sniffed for more food in his dish.
2. Ted had trouble _____ a different book because he liked to read only mysteries.
3. "You have a _____ taste in music," Tobie told Andre. "I never thought I would meet a nine-year-old who liked Bach."
4. Andre's choices at the library always _____ of history books about the period too.
5. "I am absolutely _____ that you will love this book about horses," Laura assured Marie.
6. Both girls then argued over which of the two was the more _____ reader.

Write a sentence using the word listed.

7. peculiar _____

8. selecting _____

Write a definition of the listed word, using your own words.

9. snuffled _____
10. advanced _____

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A **summary** is a short retelling of a story. To **summarize** what you have read, include only the most important information.

Read the passage below. Then answer the questions that follow.

I love the public library in my town. It's in an old building. I can find everything I need there. The books are organized by subject and author. That makes it easy to find what I need. Then I can take my books home.

Libraries have only a few rules. You must have a library card to take out a book. There is no charge for checking out a book, but many libraries ask that books be returned after three weeks. If you don't return books on time, you must pay a fine. Some libraries limit the number of books you can check out at once.

Most libraries today have computers. If you have to write a report for a homework assignment, the computer can help you find the information you need to know.

1. What should you include in a summary?

2. If you were summarizing the passage above, would you include the information that you must have a library card to check out a book? Why?

3. If you were summarizing the passage above, would you include the information that the library is in an old building? Why?

4. Now write a summary of the passage above in your own words.



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As you read *Because of Winn-Dixie*, fill in the Summarizing Chart.

A vertical flowchart consisting of five empty rectangular boxes stacked vertically. Each box is connected to the one below it by a downward-pointing arrow, indicating a sequential process or a series of steps.

How does the information you wrote in the Summarizing Chart help you to evaluate *Because of Winn-Dixie*?



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As I read, I will pay attention to end punctuation.

10 Nate Jasper fumbled for his library card and handed it
 20 to Ms. Kim, the librarian. He was checking out books
 30 about life in the American colonies for a social studies
 40 report. He hadn't realized it was his turn because he
 51 was distracted by a sign taped to the wall beside the
 53 circulation desk.

53 The sign read: "First Annual Highland Drawing
 60 Contest. Prizes to be awarded for drawings that best show
 70 the exciting and unique beauty of Highland, Vermont."

78 "I see that our drawing contest has caught your eye,"
 88 said Ms. Kim. "Are you an artist?"

95 "Yeah, I guess I am," said Nate. "But I've never entered
 106 a contest."

108 "Well, why not consider making this your first?" asked
 117 Ms. Kim. "We have a Young Artists division, and we need
 128 people like you to help make the contest a success. The
 139 winning drawings will be displayed here in the Highland
 148 Public Library. Here, take a flyer and think about it." 158

Comprehension Check

1. What does Ms. Kim say to Nate? **Summarize**
2. Why is Nate a good candidate to enter the contest? **Draw Conclusions**

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	



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Onomatopoeia is the use of a word to imitate a sound.
A **simile** compares two different things using *like* or *as*.

Read the poem below. Then answer the questions that follow.

Books

What can you do with books, anyway?
You can laugh at them,
 frown at them, slam them shut.
You can stack them cover to cover
 till they're as tall as a skyscraper.
You can stuff them in your backpack
 till it's heavy like an elephant.
Or you can take one, crack it open,
 and read.

1. Which word in the third line of the poem is an example of onomatopoeia?

2. Write the two similes that appear in the poem.

3. What two things are being compared in the similes you wrote above?

4. Why is the poet's use of the word *slam* an example of onomatopoeia?



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The dictionary definition of a word is its **denotation**.
The feelings associated with a word are its **connotation**.

The bold words in each pair of sentences below have similar denotations, but their connotations are different. Write the feelings you associate with each word.

1. The day was **crisp**—just perfect for taking a walk.

2. The day was **raw**. How I wish I'd worn my gloves.

3. Alicia is really **goofy**.

4. Alicia is really **funny**.

5. Juan was **thrifty** and saved his money.

6. Juan was **cheap** and spent hardly any of his money.



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A two-syllable word with the **VC/CV pattern** is usually divided between the two consonants.

swal low wel come

The first syllable of a VC/CV word is a **closed** syllable. That means it has a short vowel sound and ends in a consonant.

Divide each word below into syllables. Write the syllables in the blanks provided.

1. copper _____
2. member _____
3. planner _____
4. market _____
5. summer _____
6. slender _____
7. fossil _____
8. blanket _____
9. fiction _____
10. witness _____
11. litter _____

Which syllable is accented in these words?

12. _____

