

LEVEL 3 — Pre-Read Worksheet

Warm-Up Paragraph

Before reading, invite children to think about how stories sometimes hide deeper meanings. You might say:

“Some stories use places, objects, or small moments to teach lessons about feelings and choices. As we read today, notice not just what happens, but why it might matter. Think about the decisions characters make and what those choices tell us about them.”

Pre-Reading Questions

(Choose two or three to set the tone for thoughtful listening.)

1. What does it mean when something in a story represents a bigger idea, like a feeling or a challenge?
2. When a character makes a choice, what clues help you understand why they made it?
3. How can the places we spend time, like home, school, or outside, shape how we feel or how we act?
4. Why do you think some people tease, while others stay quiet and do not speak up?
5. What helps someone grow after a moment that hurts their feelings?

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It is meant to support reflection, conversation, and exploration.

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