

LEVEL 2 — Pre-Read Worksheet

Warm-Up Paragraph

Before reading, invite children to think a little more deeply about how stories work. You might say:

“Many stories have moments that make characters feel proud, nervous, or brave. As we get ready to read, think about how people grow when things feel difficult.

Sometimes a story shows us that even small moments can teach something important about ourselves.”

Pre-Reading Questions

(Choose two or three, depending on your group.)

1. What does it mean to feel proud of something you worked on?
2. Have you ever compared yourself to someone else? How did it make you feel?
3. Why do you think trying can matter more than being the best?
4. What helps you keep going when something feels hard at first?
5. How can friends or classmates make learning feel easier or harder?

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

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