Summarize

To summarize a story, you tell only the most important events of the story in your own words. This helps you remember what you have read.



Find Text Evidence

After reading page 335 of "A Difficult Decision," I can summarize what happens at the beginning of the story.



I read that Wyatt
finds a hand-held
game at the park
and he wants to keep
it. His friend, Paul,
wants Wyatt to find
the owner.

Your Turn



Summarize the middle and end of the story. Remember to tell the important events in your own words.

Point of View

A character telling the story has feelings about the events. This is the character's point of view. The words *I*, *my*, *me*, and *mine* tell who is speaking.



Find Text Evidence

When I read the second paragraph on page 335 of "A Difficult Decision," I can tell Wyatt is talking. I will look for clues to his point of view.

Character	Clue	Point of View
Wyatt	"It's mine, now!"	Wyatt thinks he should keep a
		game he found.

Your Turn



Reread the page 335 of "A Difficult Decision." Fill in the graphic organizer to show Paul's point of view.

Go Digital!Use the interactive graphic organizer

Realistic Fiction

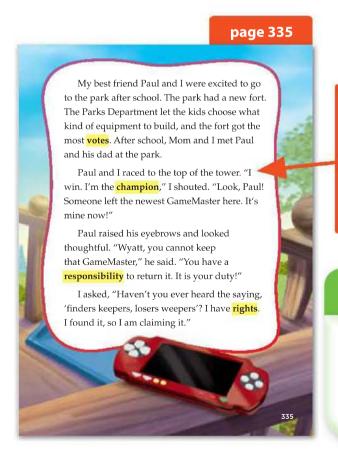
"A Difficult Decision" is realistic fiction.

Realistic fiction:

- has characters that talk and act like real people.
- has a setting that could be a real place.
- can be told in the first person.

Find Text Evidence

I can tell that "A Difficult Decision" is realistic fiction. Wyatt and Paul could be real people. I also see that it is told by Wyatt, in the first person.



Story Structure

 The story uses first person point of view.
 The character uses I, my, and me to tell his thoughts and feelings.

Your Turn



Find two examples of how you know this story is realistic fiction.



Suffixes

To understand the meaning of a word you do not know, separate the word from a suffix, such as *-ful* or *-less*, to figure out the word's meaning.



Find Text Evidence

I am not sure what thoughtful means. The root word is thought, which has to do with thinking about something. I see the suffix -ful, which means "full of." I think the word thoughtful means "having a lot of thoughts."

Paul raised his eyebrows and looked thoughtful.



Your Turn



Use suffixes to figure out the meaning of the following words in "A Difficult Decision."

careful, page 337 hopeless, page 337





Readers to...

Writers use descriptive details to tell about the characters, setting, and events. Reread the passage from "A Difficult Decision."

Expert Model

Ideas

What descriptive details does the writer include to help you understand Wyatt's actions?

Paul raised his eyebrows and looked thoughtful. "Wyatt, you cannot keep that GameMaster," he said. "You have a responsibility to return it. It is your duty."



Writers

Maggie wrote a letter to her friend. Read Maggie's writing.

Editing Marks

Make a capital letter.

• Add a period.

∧ Add.

Y Take out.

Grammar Handbook

Pronouns See page 488.

Student Model

Dear Talia,

Yesterday was fun! My

family and I went to the park.

We worked with other people

to pick up trash we wore gloves

and used long poles to stick the

trash. The park looked good

when we were finished!

Your friend.

Maggie



Your Turn



- Identify descriptive details Maggie used.
- Identify the pronouns.
- Tell how revisions improved her writing.

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