

Make Predictions

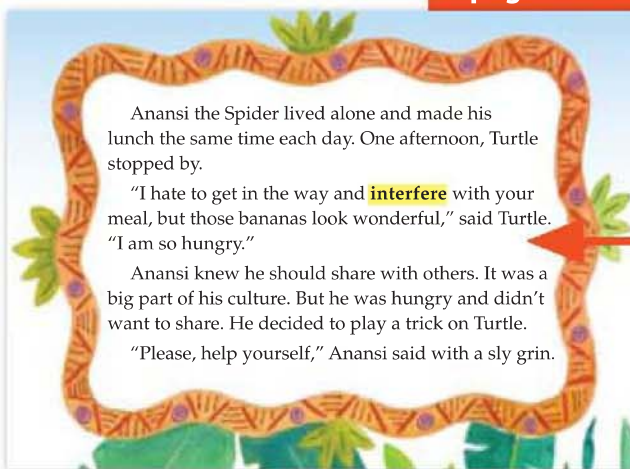
Use clues in the story to guess, or predict, what happens next. Was your prediction right? Read on to check it. Change it if it is not right.



Find Text Evidence

You may have made a prediction about Anansi at the beginning of “Anansi Learns a Lesson.” What clues on page 103 helped you guess what might happen?

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I predicted that Anansi would eat the bananas.

I read that Anansi was hungry and didn’t want to share. He decided to play a trick on Turtle. I will read on to check my prediction.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



What prediction did you make after Turtle asked Fish for help? Reread to check your prediction. Remember to make, confirm, and revise predictions as you read.

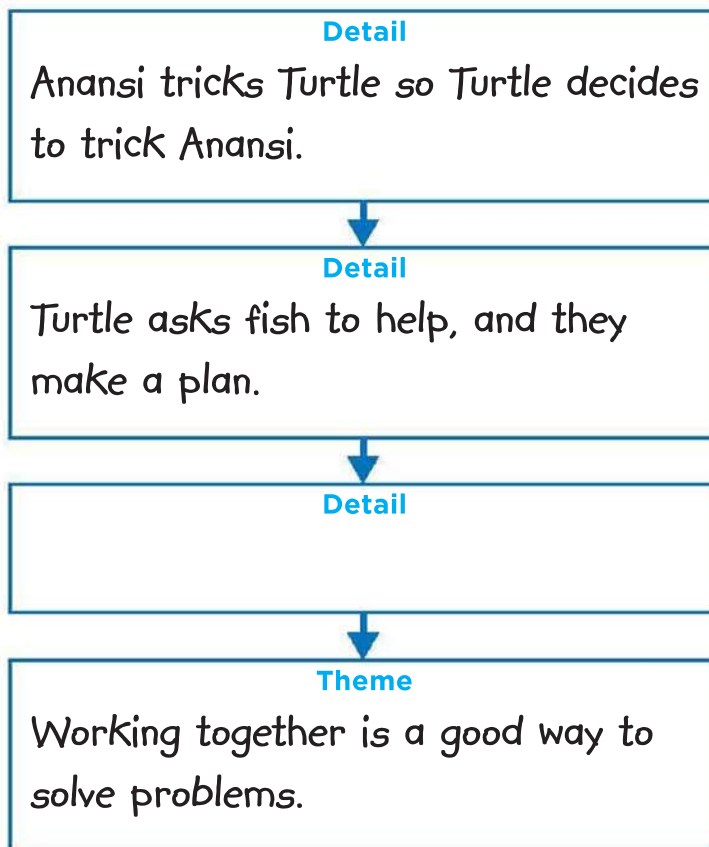
Theme

The theme of a story is the author's message. Think about what the characters do and say. This will help you figure out the theme.



Find Text Evidence

In "Anansi Learns a Lesson," Turtle and Fish work together to solve a problem. This is the story's theme. I can reread to find details that help me figure out the theme.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Reread "Anansi Learns a Lesson." List an important detail about Turtle's actions in your graphic organizer. Be sure the detail tells about the theme.

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Use the interactive graphic organizer

Folktale

“Anansi Learns a Lesson” is a folktale. A **folktale**:

- Is a short story passed from person to person in a culture
- Usually has a message or lesson



Find Text Evidence

I can tell that “Anansi Learns a Lesson” is a folktale. I learned something about Anansi’s culture. I also learned a lesson.

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“Welcome, Anansi,” said Turtle. “Drop those stones and help yourself.”

As soon as Anansi dropped the stones, he rocketed to the surface of the lake. Anansi sputtered **furiously**. “Fish and Turtle tricked me,” he cried angrily.

Back at the bottom of the lake, Turtle and Fish laughed and laughed.

“We worked together and taught Anansi a lesson,” said Turtle.

“What a good way to solve a problem,” said Fish. “Let’s eat!”



Make Connections

Tell how Turtle and Fish worked together to trick Anansi. **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Think of a time when you and a friend solved a problem. Why was it easier to work together? **TEXT TO SELF**

The message or lesson in a folktale is sometimes found at the end of the story. It is a message the author thinks is important.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Think about the lesson that Anansi learns in this story. Tell your partner the message.

Antonyms

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings. Look for antonyms to help you figure out the meaning of unknown words.



Find Text Evidence

In "Anansi Learns a Lesson," I see the word filthy in a sentence on page 104. I'm not sure what filthy means so I'll look for sentence clues. I see the word clean. I know what clean means. When I reread, I see that clean and filthy are antonyms. I think that filthy means "not clean."

Turtle knew his hands were clean,
but Anansi still thought they were filthy.



Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Find an antonym to help you figure out the meaning of this word.

sink, page 106

Talk about how the antonym helped you figure out what *sink* means.



Readers to . . .

Writers choose words to link, or connect, their ideas. They use words, such as *and*, *because*, *however*, and *but*. Reread this passage from “Anansi Learns a Lesson.”

Expert Model

Linking Ideas

Find two words that connect ideas. Why are these words good examples of **word choice**?

Turtle knew his hands were clean, **but** Anansi still thought they were filthy. **However**, Turtle was too shy and timid to say no. When he returned Anansi had eaten the rest of the fruit.

“Ha, ha, I tricked you, Turtle,” said Anansi. “You didn’t get any bananas!”



Writers



Marta wrote about solving a problem.
Read her revisions.

Student Model

The Lost Book

Pam and I found a ~~Book~~ on the
playground. Who did it belong to?[?]~~?~~
We had to find out. Pam wanted to
make her own sign. ^{But} ~~We~~ made one
together. We put up the sign at
state street school. Our pal, mark,
came and got his book.
by Marta H.



Editing Marks

- Make a capital letter.
- Make a small letter.
- Add a period
- Add.
- Take out.

Grammar Handbook

Common and Proper Nouns

See page 478.

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



- Identify words that link ideas.
- Find common and proper nouns.
- Tell how revisions improved the writing.

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