

# Make Predictions

Predicting future events in the plot helps keep readers involved in a story. As you read, you can confirm your predictions. If a prediction is not correct, you can revise it.



## Find Text Evidence

After I read the opening of “A Modern Cinderella” on page 109, I made predictions about further events in the story.

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The Prince fell into a dungeon of despair. “I must find her again,” he cried, “and in time for tomorrow night’s final show!” How should he search? He clutched the purple sneaker in his hand.



Seeing the Prince’s tears, the Queen advised, “He who **consults** the right sources will surely succeed.” The Prince’s mind raced like a galloping horse on his favorite game, “Horse Chaser.” After much **consideration**, he made a plan. First, he interviewed everyone who had attended the show, but no one could help. Next, the Prince searched the Internet. He entered the phrase “great dancer with purple shoe,” but he found no one. Then the Prince put up posters of the purple sneaker all over the kingdom’s social network. Yet no one recognized the shoe or knew its owner.

*I predicted that the Prince would not give up his search until he found the dancer. When I continued reading, I confirmed my prediction.*

## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



What predictions did you make while reading this story?  
Tell what evidence you used to confirm or revise them.

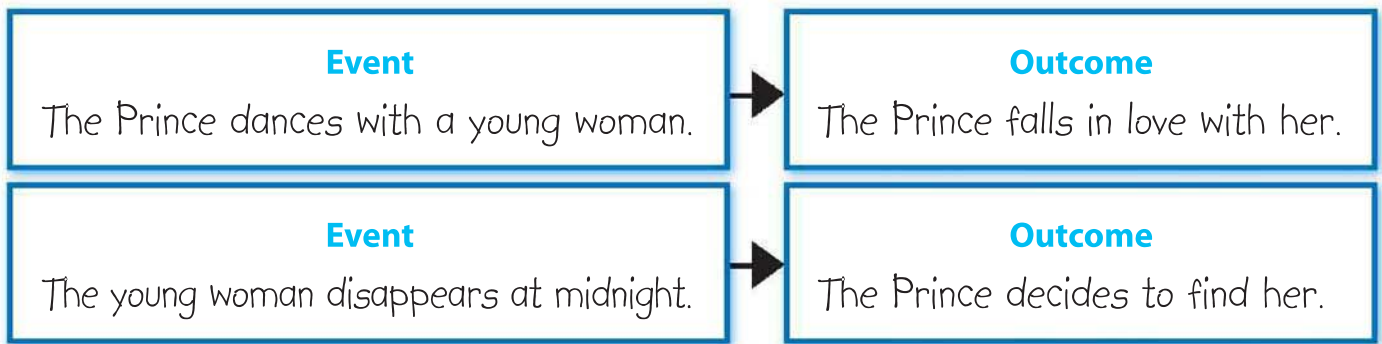
# Compare and Contrast

The events that occur in the beginning, middle, and end of the story may be similar to or different from one another. You compare and contrast events to help you remember what happened and in what order events occurred.



## Find Text Evidence

*As "A Modern Cinderella" begins, the first event is the Prince meeting an unknown woman. Next, the young woman disappears. I can compare events before and after midnight and see that they are very different for the Prince.*



## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Reread "A Modern Cinderella." Record the events and outcomes in the graphic organizer. Tell how the events at the beginning and end are similar and different.

**Go Digital!** Use the interactive graphic organizer

# Fairy Tale

The selection “A Modern Cinderella” is a fairy tale.

A **fairy tale** may include:

- a made-up setting, such as “once upon a time”
- a prince or princess and magical characters
- illustrations



## Find Text Evidence

*I can tell that “A Modern Cinderella” is a fairy tale. The first sentence begins with “Once upon a time,” which is the way many fairy tales start. One of the main characters is a prince who has a made-up TV show. The name Cinderella in the title and the illustrations also suggest that the selection is a fairy tale.*

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The Prince held the purple sneaker in one hand and his computer compass in the other. “I will continue my quest,” he cried, “even if I must personally travel the entire kingdom.” With that, the Prince powered up his royal electric skateboard and set out!

At the first house, a woman came out to greet the Prince. He held out the sneaker and announced, “This shoe will tell me if you are my **destiny**.” The excited woman struggled to jam her large foot into the shoe, but the sneaker was much too small.

At the next house, another woman eagerly tried on the sneaker. The shoe flopped and fell off. At every home the Prince visited, the purple sneaker seemed as big as a boat or as small as a seed. Every foot failed to meet his **expectations**.

As the day wore on, the Prince grew sadder. His discouraged heart was a cell phone in need of recharging. Finally, there was only one house left to visit. When the Prince arrived, three sisters stood in front, offering their feet. (They’d been following the newsfeed.) The shoe fit none of them.

“Does anyone else live here?” a weary Prince asked the sisters. From inside the house came a chime. The sisters’ eyes became narrow slits. A young woman stepped outside and handed a phone to the oldest sister.

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**Use Illustrations** Illustrations give readers visual clues about characters, settings, and events. For example, the style of the illustrations tells you if a story is meant to be serious or humorous.

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## Your Turn

What details in “A Modern Cinderella” show the story is a fairy tale? How has it been updated?

# Simile and Metaphor

Writers compare one thing to another to create a picture in the reader's mind. A simile compares two things using the word *like* or *as*. A metaphor compares two things without using *like* or *as*.

**Simile:** The sun shone like a giant flashlight in the sky.

**Metaphor:** The sun was a giant flashlight in the sky.



## Find Text Evidence

On page 109 of "A Modern Cinderella," I see a simile. The Prince's mind is compared to the speed of a galloping horse to show how quickly it is working.

The Prince's mind raced **like a galloping horse** on his favorite game, "Horse Chaser."



## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Identify the simile or metaphor in sentences from "A Modern Cinderella." Tell what is being compared. What does the simile or metaphor tell you about the Prince?

**The Prince was as joyous as a gamer with the highest score.** *page 109*

**The Prince fell into a dungeon of despair.**  
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**His discouraged heart was a cell phone in need of recharging.** *page 110*





# Readers to . . .

Writers know that a story's opening has to be vivid, detailed, and interesting so that readers will want to keep reading. Reread the opening paragraph from "A Modern Cinderella."

## Expert Model

### Strong Openings

Identify vivid setting and character details in the paragraph. How does the opening let you know what kind of story this is?

Once upon a time—the time being the other night—the Prince was as joyous as a gamer with the highest score. He had just danced with an amazing young woman at the Royal Palace. It was during the taping of his weekly TV show, *Dancing with the Prince*. He had only agreed to do the show to help his mother, the Queen, raise money for charity. But when the prince twirled this lovely dancer in the presence of the audience and judges, he felt as if he were floating on a cloud.



# Writers



## Editing Marks

- ^ Insert,
- ✂ Take out,
- sp Check spelling,
- ^ Add a comma.

## Grammar Handbook

### Singular and Plural Nouns

See page 456.

Hunter wrote a modern fairy tale about three pigs. Read Hunter's revision of his introductory paragraph.

### Student Model

## The Three Cool Pigs

In a time not long ago, there were ~~some~~<sup>three</sup> little pigs that needed homes, since they lived in a ~~place~~<sup>forest</sup> near the Scary Wolf. The first pig built his house with ~~straw~~<sup>as light as feathers</sup>. He finished quickly so he could play computer games. ~~Another~~<sup>The second</sup> pig built his house with simple twigs. He finished ~~fast~~<sup>so he could watch TV</sup>. This was not a good idea.



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## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



- Identify the setting and character details that Hunter included.
- Identify singular and plural nouns Hunter used.
- Tell how revisions improved Hunter's writing.

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