





Talk About It

Do you like using words or pictures to tell your stories? Explain.



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Creating Stories

Vocabulary

creating
familiar
occasions
memories
imagination
glamorous



Word Parts

Word **roots** and word parts can sometimes tell you the meaning of a new or unfamiliar word.

The word *imagination* comes from the Latin root *imag*. *Imag* means “likeness or picture.”

Making Stories Happen



Illustrator Joe Cepeda

When you read a book, do you think that the illustrator and author worked together? Sometimes that happens. But **creating** books isn't always like that. In fact, the process of making a book might surprise you. Often the author and illustrator never even talk to each other!

When writing a story, the author may give ideas about pictures to the illustrator. But sometimes the story is about something **familiar** to the illustrator, something that he or she has experienced in the past.

For example, *Mice and Beans* is about a party. Joe Cepeda remembered **occasions** when his family had parties.

They were to celebrate special events. He used his **memories**, his thoughts of those past events, to draw the pictures. Illustrators also use their **imagination**. They picture in their minds how characters and settings might look.

Being an author or illustrator may seem **glamorous**. It looks so interesting and exciting, but both jobs take a lot of hard work!



Author Pam Muñoz Ryan

Reread for Comprehension

Story Structure

Draw Conclusions

Reading an article and using what you know from real life can help you make decisions, or draw conclusions, about the article's topic. Use the chart as you reread to draw conclusions about authors and illustrators.

