

# 3.RL.7 Parent Helper

I CAN EXPLAIN HOW PARTS OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS GO WITH THE WORDS IN THE STORY TO CREATE A MOOD, EXPLAIN A CHARACTER, OR DESCRIBE A SETTING.

Your child is learning to use pictures to help them better understand characters, setting, and mood of a text.

## Sample Questions To Ask Your Child:

What does the illustration tell you about the character?  
What does the illustration tell you about the mood of the story? What mood does the illustration convey?  
How did the illustration help you understand what is happening in the story? What do the illustrations make you think of the character?

## Vocabulary Terms:

Character  
Convey  
Mood  
Setting  
Plot  
Illustrations

## Need more resources?

You can practice this standard with your child using any fiction text. When reading a book with your child, cover up the words on a few pages with post it notes. Have your child explain what they see in the pictures before you read the page. (See example below.) Discuss everything you see happening in the illustrations and see if there are parts that the author did not describe in the words of the story. Discuss the importance of studying the pictures for clues to help understand the text.

## Example:

Look at the Fish's face. What character trait might you use to describe him? What is the mood of this page in the text? What do you know about the characters based on what you see in the illustrations?

