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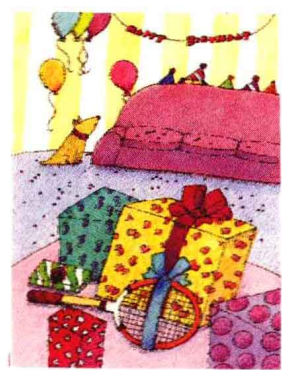


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Reading on Your Own

I like to read. Reading is fun. I know some ways to help you read better.

Before You Read

- ◆ Read the name of the story.
- ◆ Look at the pictures.
- ◆ Think about what you will read.

As You Read

- ◆ Stop after each page.
- ◆ Think about what you have read.
- ◆ Think about what might come next.



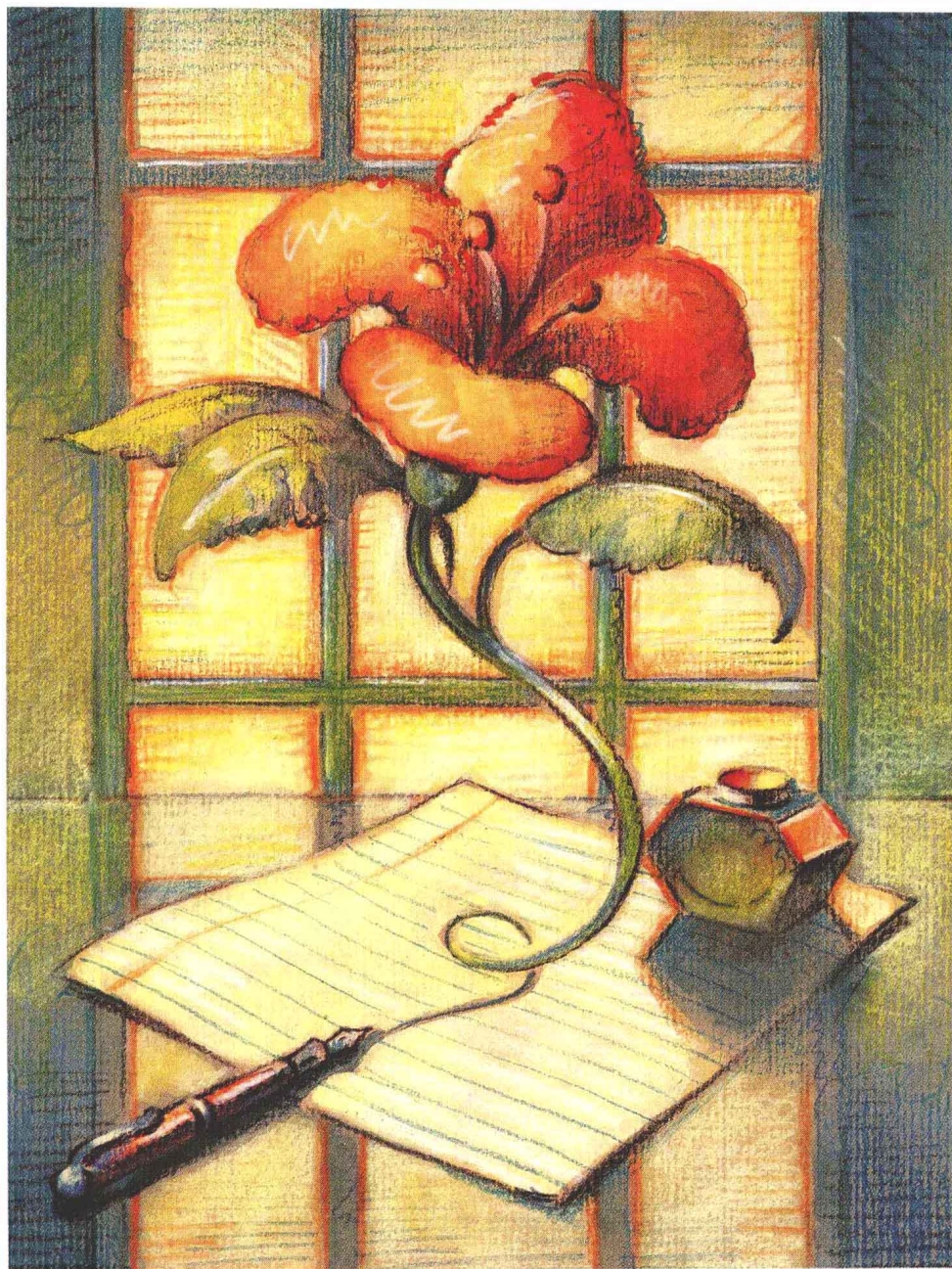
Sometimes you see a word you don't know. Try these steps.

1. Try to say the word.
2. Read the words before and after the word.
3. Look up the word in the glossary at the back of the book.
4. Ask for help.

After You Read

- ♦ Tell the story in your own words.





PART ONE

Ideas

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.

I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

from *A Word*
by Emily Dickinson

Ideas, ideas, ideas—ideas are everywhere. Even the words we use are ideas. In these stories, you will meet people who are full of all kinds of bright and funny ideas. As you read, think: What new ideas come to you?



Using Words About Ideas

Starting with What You Know

Think about ideas. What ideas can you come up with? The words in the box tell about ideas. Use these words and words of your own to answer the questions after the box.

Words
can be
fun.

good
bad
think

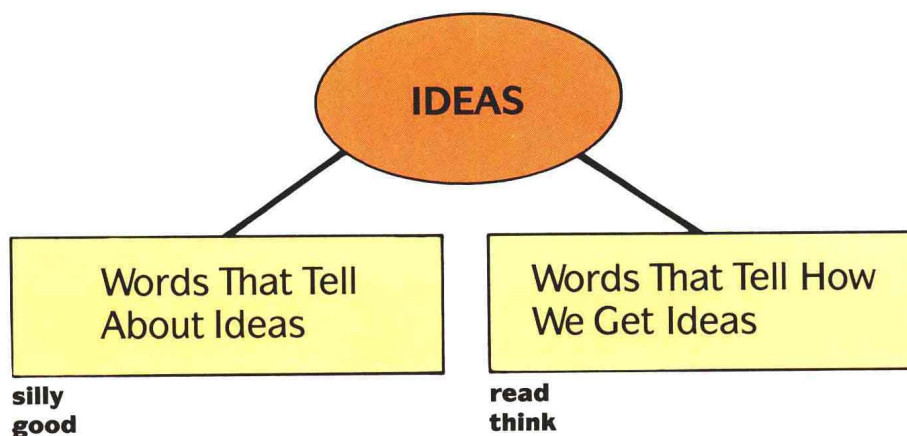
silly
read
dream

wonderful
terrible
talk

Can you think of kinds of ideas? What are other ways we might get ideas?

Building a Word Map

The word map shows how some of the words in the box above go together. What words can you add to the map? Use the words above and other words of your own.



Finishing a Story

Look at the story below. The story is about a bear with an idea. Some words are missing. Think of the words you would use to finish the story. Use the words from the box and word map in this lesson for ideas. Complete the story.

Once there was a bear named Hector. Hector liked to eat. He wanted to ____ a way to catch more fish. Hector needed a ____ idea. Hector _____. Then, a wonderful idea came to him. He would make a fishing pole! Hector thought that was a ____ idea, but the fish didn't!

As You Read

In this part of the book, you will read about people and animals and the ideas they have. Keep a Reader's Log. A Reader's Log will help you remember important things you read. Make notes in your log about the people and animals in the stories. Begin the log with the word map. Add new words to the map as you find them.





HEME SETTER

Harry has an idea that there's a terrible monster living in the cellar. Is he right?

Harry and the Terrible Whatzit



from the book by Dick Gackenbach

"I know there is something here," I called out. Then I saw it! A double-headed, three-clawed, six-toed, long-horned Whatzit.

"Where is my mother?" I asked it.

"The last time I saw your mother," the Whatzit said, "she was over by the pickle jars, Runt."

