

SMART™ Lesson

Retelling a Story

Introduction

Retelling a story is an important skill to develop as a reader. It involves summarizing the main plot points and key events in a story in your own words. This helps to deepen your understanding of the story and can also be useful when discussing the story with others or writing a book report.

Steps for Retelling a Story

Step 1: Read the Story Carefully

Before you can retell a story, you need to read it carefully. Make sure you understand the plot, the characters, and the setting. Pay attention to key events and any important details that might be relevant to the story.

Step 2: Identify the Main Plot Points

Once you have read the story, try to identify the main plot points. These are the most important parts of the story that drive the narrative forward. Think about the beginning, middle, and end of the story, and identify the key events that happen in each section.

Step 3: Summarize the Story in Your Own Words

Using the main plot points that you have identified, try to summarize the story in your own words. Be sure to include the most important details and events, but try to keep your summary brief and to the point.

Step 4: Check Your Summary

After you have written your summary, read through it again to make sure that you have included all the important details and events. You may need to revise your summary if you have left anything out or if you have included too much unnecessary information. Try to keep your summary clear and concise.

Questions

1. What is retelling a story?
2. Why is retelling a story an important skill?
3. What are the steps for retelling a story?
4. Why is it important to summarize the story in your own words?
5. What should you do after you have written your summary?

