

Unit 3, Week 2

"A Pet for Calvin"

Genre- Realistic Fiction

Realistic fiction is imaginary stories with believable characters and events. The plot usually progresses through five stages: introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.

Comprehension Skill: Plot

Works of realistic fiction **flow** through five plot elements from start to finish. The five plot elements: introduction (conflict), rising action, climax, **falling** action, and resolution. Note the conflict at the **beginning** of the story. Pay attention as one event leads to another during the rising action. Follow the falling action after the climax as the resolution approaches. **Think** about whether the resolution makes a good ending to the story.

Reading/Writing Strategy: Puns and Hyperbole

Authors use humorous language to make their writing more enjoyable. An example is hyperbole, or humorous exaggeration, such as, "It will take a million years to vacuum that room!" Another example is the pun, a humorous play on the sound or meaning of words. For example, if you were talking about a funny duck, a pun you could use is, "It quacks me up!"

Vocabulary Words

tolerate: allow, accept, put up with
loamy: having a certain mixture of clay, sand, and organic material; having a texture good for growing plants
wriggled: moved by twisting
quarters: living spaces; a place to stay
tingled: felt excitement; felt a prickling sensation

Essential Question:

What are some different ways in which people can reach a goal?

Spelling Words

pessimist
optimist
physicist
protagonist
antagonist
clearance
brilliance
performance
appearance
disappearance
insurance
preference
existence
coherence
influence
familiarize
memorize
colonize
sanitize
italicize

Challenge Words

coincidence
pharmacist
abolitionist