

Name _____

Family Times

Summary

Because of Winn-Dixie

Moving to a new town can be hard, and making new friends can be even harder. With the help of her dog, Winn-Dixie, Opal is able to get to know Miss Franny Block, the local librarian. Miss Block tells Opal an exciting tale about a bear that once wandered into the library.

Activity

Animal Stories With your family, share stories of personal experiences with animals. They can be stories about animals kept as pets, or animals seen in the zoo or in the wild.



Comprehension Skill

Sequence

Sequence is the order in which things happen in a story. When you read, think about what comes first, next, and last. Several events can occur at the same time. Words such as *meanwhile* and *during* give clues that two events are happening at the same time.

Activity

Foolish Fairy Tales Take turns telling fairy tales, like *Little Red Riding Hood* or *Cinderella*, with their events out of order. Talk about how these mix-ups changed the story. Did any of the stories sound better when the event order was changed?

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

grand excellent; wonderful

memorial helping people to remember a person, thing, or event

peculiar strange; unusual

positive without doubt; sure

prideful overly proud of oneself

recalls remembers

selecting picking out; choosing

Conventions

Declarative and Interrogative Sentences

Declarative sentences make statements. They end with periods.

For example: I like to go to the library.

Interrogative sentences ask questions. They end with question marks. *For example: What time does the library open?*

Activity

Miscommunication Play a game in which two people have a conversation with each other. One player can only use declarative sentences and the other player can only use interrogative sentences. The conversation should be fast-paced: players are not allowed to stop and think before speaking.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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