Chapter	Teaching Points	Standards
Chapter 1	Read text. Discuss setting: The roof of Gracie's apartment building. New Characters: Gracie, Mr. Chapman Discussion Points: • What should the title of the chapter be called? • Describe a time when you went exploring. • Do you think Gracie was nosy? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work	
Chapter 2	Read text. Discuss setting: The hospital New Characters: Mom, the Doctor, Nurses Discussion Points: • Have you ever ridden in an ambulance? • Why was Gracie surprised that "mean ol' Mr. Chapman' was the one that called her mom on the phone? • What did Gracie mean when she said her room suddenly turned into 'Grand Central Station'? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work	
Chapter 3	Read text. Discuss setting: The cab, Gracie's apartment New Characters: Prissy de'Angelo Discussion Points: • Why do you think Mom was worried about missing work? • Do you think Mr. Chapman is strange? Why or why not? • Why was Gracie thankful for the little things? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work, Fill out a Reading Detective page for the following: Name three nice things Prissy did for Gracie.	
Chapter 4	Read text. Discuss setting: Gracie's apartment, church, the diner, Aunt Bea's apartment New Characters: Uncle Wyatt, Aunt Haley, Mr. Crowder, the Pastor and his wife, Aunt Bea Discussion Points: • Why do you think Gracie loves Uncle Wyatt and Aunt Haley? • Why do they call their car 'Old Faithful'?	

	• How is Gracie's Aunt Bea different from the one on TV? • What does Gracie always have with her? Why? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work	
Chapter 5	Read text. Discuss setting: Gracie's apartment, the mall, Darcy's Discount Store New Characters: Kenzie, Molly, Miranda, Ted Discussion Points: • What kind of items did Gracie restock her backpack with? • How do you think she will use those items? • Why did Gracie think Ted would not make a good security guard? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work, Fill out a Reading Detective page on the following: What makes Mirada's office so cool?	
Chapter 6	Read text. Discuss setting: Gracie's apartment, Darcy's Discount Store New Characters: Mason Redding, Officer Stanley, Mr. Burke Discussion Points: • Was Ted a good security guard? Why or why not? • Why did Gracie keep her eyes on Mason Redding while he was in the store? • How did you feel when you realized Mason had been caught shoplifting? • Why do you think Gracie and Mom rode home without saying a word at the end of the chapter? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work, Writing: Describe a vivid dream you've had that seemed real.	
Chapter 7	Read text. Discuss setting: the diner, Molly's pick-up, Gracie's apartment New Characters: Mason's foster parents Discussion Points: • What was Gracie excited about at the beginning of the chapter? • What caught her attention at the diner? Why? • Why did Gracie and Molly go to the storage building? • What did they see at the storage building? • What scared Gracie when she was in her bedroom? • Why did Gracie's mom name her Graceanne Faith?	

	• What did Gracie discover about her mother? Assignment: Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work	

Chapter 8	Read text.
	Discuss setting: the lake, Gracie's apartment, Darcy's Discount Store
	New Characters: none
	Discussion Points:
	    • What special activity did Gracie and Kenzie do?
	    • What had Gracie squirming in her seat during lunch?
	    • What news did Miranda get from Officer Stanley?
	    • How did Gracie feel after hearing the news?
	Assignment:
	Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work, Writing: Have you ever felt like squirming in your seat as you had to wait for something? Describe what happened.	

Chapter 9	Read text.
	Discuss setting: Aunt Bea's apartment, Gracie's apartment, Darcy's Discount Store
	New Characters: none
	Discussion Points:
	    • What was the new issue at Darcy's?
	    • What did Gracie do when she heard the news?
	    • What did Gracie discover at the end of the chapter?
	Assignment:
	Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work	

Chapter 10	Read text.
	Discuss setting: the park, Kenzie's house, Aunt Bea's apartment
	New Characters: none
	Discussion Points:
	    • How did Gracie feel for the first time in her life?
	    • Who followed up on Gracie's discovery?
	    • What award did Gracie receive?
	    • What thought made Gracie smile at the end of the story?
	Assignment:
	Character Analysis chart, Vocabulary work, Fill out a Reading Detective page for the following: Why did no one believe Gracie about Ted?	

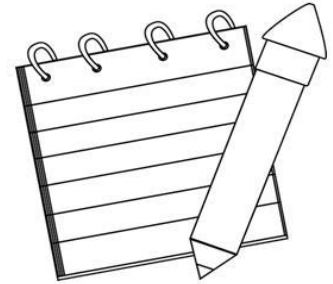| Character	Trait	Evidence

Character Analysis Chart
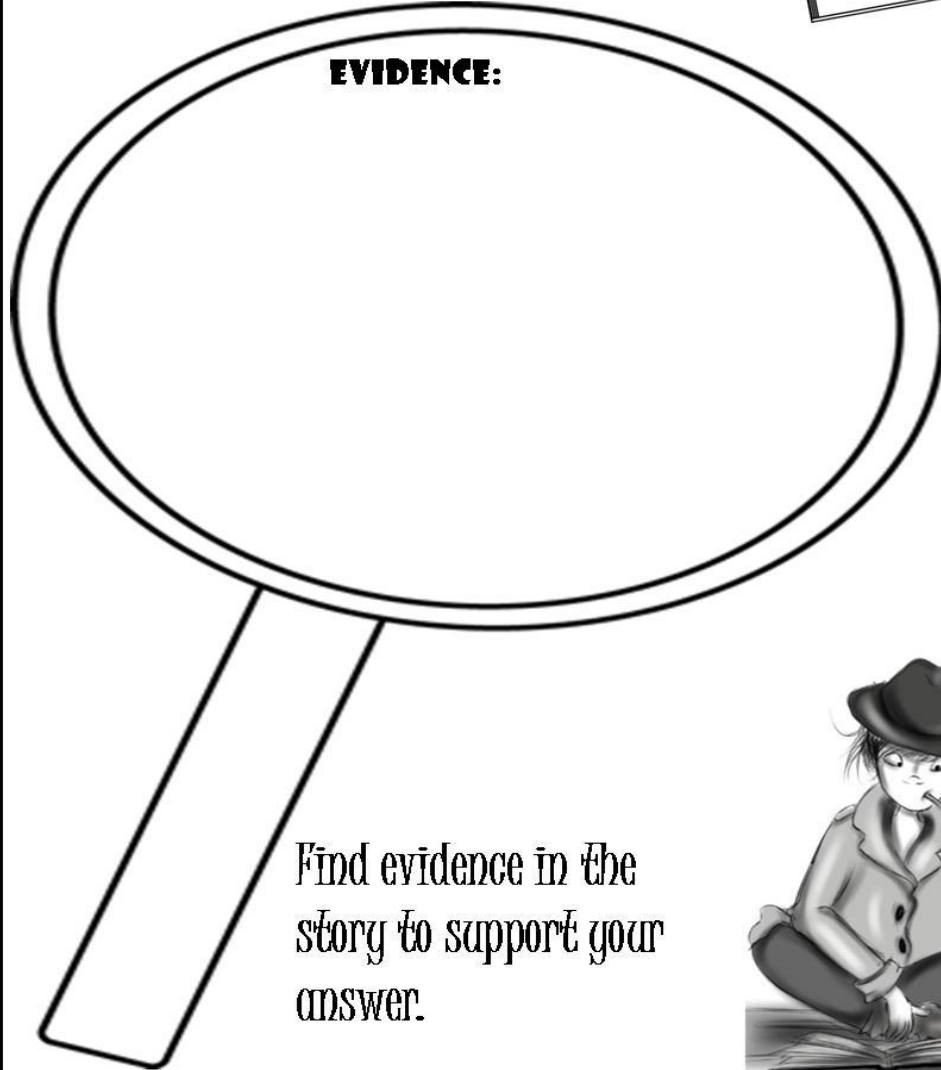Study a character's traits and cite evidence from the story to defend your analysis.

Be a Reading Detective!

QUESTION:

EVIDENCE:

Find evidence in the story to support your answer.