



Analyze What an Illustration Adds to a Story

CCSSR5—analyze how an illustrator complements a writer’s words.

This guide is based on a PARCC task. It’s important for students to “read” the illustrations when they read a story. This guide helps them do that.

Find a part of a story that includes a picture.

Describe what it shows.

Then explain what the picture adds to the story.

Describe what the picture shows about the situation.
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Tell what the picture adds to the story.
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Added challenges:

What do you think the writer said to the illustrator about what to put in the picture to help readers understand it?

PLUS: Add a picture to the story. Draw what you think is a picture that would help the reader understand a character or event. Write a caption to help make the picture clear.