

Guide to Reading Conversations

Within the Text

- **Read fluently:** Solve/decode words, monitor and correct errors, read smoothly, pause appropriately, and adjust reading expression and rate
- **determine important information**
- **summarize in sequence** (in the order the events happened)
- **identify key story elements** (*setting, characters, problem, plot, solution, and resolution*)
 - Talk about what happened in this story.
 - What were the important points? How do you know [event] was important?
 - What did the main character do? Why?

Beyond the Text

inferring predicting making connections synthesizing

- From reading this text, what kind of person you think the main character is? Explain how you know.
- What do you think about the setting in which the character lives/exists?
- Do you think [character]'s ideas/actions are good? Why?
- What do you think is likely to happen? What evidence in the text supports your idea?
- What new understanding do you take away from this text?
- What connections did you make? How did your connections impact your thinking?
- How did the character feel when...

About the Text

Critiquing Analyzing

- What do you notice about the author's craft or style?
- What does the author do to make [character] sound [description]?
- What text structure(s) did the author use when telling this story? How do you know?
- Were the character's actions effective? How do you know?
- Explain the title of this story.
- What did the author do that helped you understand the setting?
- What mood or tone did the writing have?