Lesson
15
Close Reading

1st Read – Scratch the Surface
• get the gist of the text

2nd Read – Discover New Words
• highlight/underline any unfamiliar words
• use context clues to determine the meaning of the word
• write the definition on the text

3rd Read – Dig a Little Deeper
• determine the main idea of each paragraph or section of the text
• write the main idea on a post-it

4th Read – Analyze the Text
• teacher determines (identify theme, cause and effect, author’s purpose, etc.)
Give Yourself a Gift

It was supposed to be the best day of the year. Why did she have to turn nine in an unfamiliar city and be expected to celebrate without any of her friends? When Lupina’s mom had told her they were going to move from their little farm in Vermont to Los Angeles, California, Lupina hadn’t thought about her birthday. In truth, she hadn’t thought about much except the way her mom’s face lit up for the first time in months and how all of the wrinkles on it seemed to smooth out.

The other kids in Lupina’s new school were friendly to her. Marta invited her to play foursquare with them on the blacktop at recess. Becky recommended a book to her when they were at the school library during book choosing time. Greg asked her to help him carry the ingredients for a cooking project to his desk. Everything might have been fine if her birthday hadn’t come so soon, before these kids could turn from friendly to friends.

Lupina woke on the day of her birthday, sweaty and cross. Usually the temperature on Lupina’s birthday was around fifty degrees, and the trees were beginning to turn orange and gold. Lupina would think of the colors as nature’s festive touch, provided just for her birthday. Today, she felt tense and disagreeable as she put on jeans and a T-shirt to get ready for school. Even her mother, who had been grinning practically every minute since they’d moved, frowned slightly and remarked, “Lupina, sometimes you have to give yourself a birthday gift.”

Moms don’t understand anything. Lupina thought, feeling very alone. Lupina walked to school, anxiously kicking the same rock the whole way. How could she enjoy her birthday if no one knew about it? As she approached the school, it looked less inviting than ever. She struggled to bring herself up the stairs and into her classroom.

Without really thinking, Lupina called out to Marta as she approached her desk, “Today’s my birthday. Want to come over after school for ice cream?”

As Marta began to smile broadly, Lupina thought to herself, And then again, maybe moms do know a thing or two.
Lesson 15 Vocabulary
The Extra-good Sunday

1. ______ festive - joyous
2. ______ ingredients - things you include in a recipe
3. ______ degrees - units to measure temperature
4. ______ recommended - suggested
5. ______ anxiously - with worry, fear, or impatience
6. ______ cross - in a bad mood or grouchy
7. ______ remarked - spoke about something
8. ______ tense - nervous or anxious

Vocabulary in Context

- Study each Context Card.
- Use two Vocabulary words to tell about an experience you had.

1. festive
   Everybody felt happy and merry at the festive birthday dinner.

2. ingredients
   The ingredients in this salad include tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers.

3. degrees
   This snack was baked in a hot oven. It was set to 350 degrees.

4. recommended
   It is recommended that pizza cool before you eat it. That is good advice.

5. anxiously
   This boy anxiously measured the sugar. He was afraid of making a mistake.

6. cross
   Children often feel cross, or angry, when asked to eat food they dislike.

7. remarked
   The guest remarked, or said, that the meal was delicious.

8. tense
   Relax when you frost a cake. If you're tense, your hand will shake and ruin it.
Words with *er, ir, ur, or*

Read each sentence. Choose the missing word from the box.
Write the word. Then reread the complete sentence.

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1. The road __________ up ahead, so be ready to turn.

2. Having hair on the furniture is one of the problems with having a ___________ dog.

3. I knew you wouldn’t have the ___________ to stand up to your big brother.

4. As Danielle crossed the street, she tripped on the ___________ and hurt her ankle.

5. Adam does well in school because he is a hard ___________

6. The zoo announced the ___________ of a baby panther last week.

7. Mr. Perkins has ___________ students in his classroom.

8. Colds and the flu are caused by ___________
Using a Thesaurus

**Entry word** | **Part of speech** | **Definition** | **Example sentence**
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**cross adj.** in a bad mood
**grouchy** in a complaining mood *When the boy had to clean his room, he was grouchy.*
**irritable** annoyed easily *After a long day, everyone was tired and irritable.*
**cranky** easily upset or angered *I felt a lot less cranky after I ate lunch.*
**fussy** easily upset or whining *The baby was fussy when she didn’t get a nap.*

**Synonyms**

**neat adj.** clean and in good order
**tidy** neat with habits and the way things look *My grandmother’s house is always sparkling clean and tidy.*
**orderly** She kept her backpack very orderly, with certain things going in the same place each time.

**Cross-reference**

**perfect adj.** without any faults; completely correct
**ideal** exactly as you would wish *The sunny weather today is ideal for a picnic.*
**flawless** without flaws *Mack gave a flawless performance in the school play.*

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Using a Thesaurus

Read the book review. Look up each underlined word in a thesaurus. Write a synonym for each word.

If you haven’t already, you’ll want to meet Ramona Quimby. The latest adventures of this special girl appear in *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*. With her father in college and her mother back at work, Ramona has to resolve some things for herself. How will she handle her annoying young neighbor? Will her parents be cross with her when she makes a mess? Will things remain tense with Yard Ape?

There is a reason why Beverly Cleary’s books remain some of America’s favorites after so many years.

1. ____________________
2. ____________________
3. ____________________
4. ____________________
5. ____________________
6. ____________________

Write two sentences that could be in your own review of *The Extra-good Sunday*. Choose a word in each sentence to look up in a thesaurus and underline it. Write a synonym for that word.

7. ____________________________________
8. ____________________________________
### Column Chart: Understanding Characters

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The Extra-good Sunday

Cooking with Beezus and Ramona

Hi, I am Todd Allen, host of Cooking at Home! Beezus and Ramona created a delicious chicken dish for dinner. We are going to find out how they made it!

Read pages 543–544 to answer Todd’s questions.

Todd Allen: Ramona, you had to cook dinner one night for the family. How did you feel about that?

Ramona: _________________________________

__________________________

Read page 545 to answer Todd’s question.

Todd Allen: Beezus, you wanted to make something awful! Why? What made you change your mind?

Beezus: _________________________________

__________________________

__________________________

Read pages 546–549 to answer to the next question.

Todd Allen: How did you come up with your special dish?

Ramona: _________________________________

__________________________

__________________________
Read pages 550–552. Use these pages to help Beezus talk about what happened next.

**Todd Allen:** Beezus, how did you feel about the dinner you were making? Was Ramona helping?

**Beezus:**

Read page 554. Use this page to help the girls talk about serving the dinner and about their parents' reaction.

**Todd Allen:** All right, Ramona. Let’s see this famous chicken dish. Mmm, it looks good! How did you feel when you brought it out to the table?

**Ramona:**

Read pages 555–557. What did Ramona think?

**Todd Allen:** Tell me, Ramona, what was the best part of making dinner?

**Ramona:**
Cumulative Review

Write a word from the box to complete each sentence. Then read the sentence.

| certainly | herd | working |
| firmly    | turning | burger |
| spark     | report | before |

1. This restaurant is known for having a great _____________ and tasty fries.

2. I love to help cook dinner. I think I’m _____________ into a chef!

3. Damon gave a very interesting _____________ about the rain forests.

4. I _____________ don’t want to spend all weekend studying.

5. The forest fire began with just a single _____________

6. Nicole was being silly when she said that she always ate lunch _____________ breakfast.

7. Frank held the ball _____________ as he ran.

8. The cowboys rounded up the _____________ of cattle.

9. Because the dryer is not _____________, my clothes are still wet.
The Extra-Good Sunday Fill in the Blank

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1. The _______________ amount of chocolate chips was not nearly enough, so we added more.

2. Our house was very __________ when mom was upset with us.

3. We __________ waited to hear the results of the test.

4. The friends were very __________, but they made up with one another.

5. We all feel very __________ around the holidays.

6. We started the oven to 350 ___________ to bake our cookies.

7. Mother ___________ that our cookies tasted delicious.

8. We made sure to use all of the ___________ in our recipe.
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