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# Reading Journal

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My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

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**Book Title:**

Scare Bear

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**Author:**

K. R. Alexander

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**Date Started:**

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**Date Finished:**

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*Keep reading. Keep wondering.*  
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# How to Answer

*Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.*

## How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

## How do you decide whether to trust what a character says in this chapter?

**Example answer:** I would compare the character's words with their actions instead of believing them right away. I would also consider whether the character has a reason to hide information or blame someone else. If another character described the same event differently, I would look for details that support each version. I think trust should depend on evidence, not just on how confident someone sounds.

# Chapter 32

**Looking back at the chapter you just read, what is your strongest new understanding, and what are you still unsure about?**

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**New word I learned:**

**What do you think it means?**

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# Chapter 31

Where would you pause this chapter to discuss it with another reader, and what would you want to discuss?

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## How to Answer (continued)

**How could you work out the meaning of an unfamiliar word in this chapter without immediately using a dictionary?**

**Example answer:** I would reread the sentence and look at the sentences around it for clues. Next, I would check whether I recognize a prefix, suffix, or smaller word inside the unfamiliar word. I would try a possible meaning in the sentence and see whether it makes sense with the action and mood. If it still seemed confusing, I would mark the word and check a dictionary afterward.

**What does being brave mean to you, and how could that definition help you judge a character's behavior in this chapter?**

**Example answer:** I think being brave means doing something important even when I feel afraid. That definition would help me avoid judging a character only by whether they seem calm. I would look at the reason for the character's action and the risk involved. Asking for help could be just as brave as facing a problem alone, especially if someone else might get hurt.

# Chapter 1

What is the most important thing that happens in this chapter, and why does it matter?

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# Chapter 30

What does being brave mean to you, and how could that definition help you judge a character's behavior in this chapter?

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# Chapter 29

How does a conversation, description, or action help explain something that was confusing earlier?

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# Chapter 2

Which choice tells you the most about a character's personality? Explain what you learn from it.

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# Chapter 3

Based on a clue in this chapter, what do you predict will happen next?

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# Chapter 28

What does this chapter suggest about the difference between what people seem to be and who they really are?

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# Chapter 27

Which possible next event seems most likely, and which seems least likely? Explain your reasoning.

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# Chapter 4

How does the setting affect what the characters can do or how they feel?

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# Chapter 5

Choose a word or phrase that stands out. What does it mean in context, and what does it add to the chapter?

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# Chapter 26

What does a character want most right now, and what evidence supports your answer?

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# Chapter 25

Retell this chapter in three main steps, showing how the beginning connects to the ending.

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# Chapter 6

Which part of this chapter held your attention most strongly, and why?

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# Chapter 7

What problem is a character dealing with, and what makes it difficult to solve?

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# Chapter 24

How do you decide whether to trust what a character says in this chapter?

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# Chapter 23

Choose a word that describes a character's feelings. How would replacing it with a stronger or weaker word change your understanding?

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# Chapter 8

How do a character's words compare with their actions in this chapter?

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# Chapter 9

What question do you hope the next chapter will answer, and what made you wonder about it?

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# Chapter 22

Which action in this chapter seems fair or unfair, and what larger lesson might it suggest?

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# Chapter 21

What would probably change if a character made a different decision in this chapter?

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# Chapter 10

What might this chapter suggest about friendship, trust, courage, or another important idea?

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# Chapter 11

How could you work out the meaning of an unfamiliar word in this chapter without immediately using a dictionary?

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# Chapter 20

How does a relationship between two characters develop or become clearer in this chapter?

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# Chapter 19

What does the reader learn in this chapter that a character might not know yet? If everyone seems to know the same things, explain what information matters most.

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# Chapter 12

If you could give one character advice at this point, what would you say and why?

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# Chapter 13

Describe a cause-and-effect connection in this chapter. How does one event or decision lead to another?

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# Chapter 18

Would you rather observe this chapter's events from a safe distance or take part in them? Explain your choice.

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# Chapter 17

Find a sentence whose wording helps you picture something clearly. How do its words build that picture?

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New word I learned:

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# Chapter 14

Which character seems to have the most power in this chapter, and what gives that character power?

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# Chapter 15

What detail might become important later?  
Explain your prediction without reading ahead.

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# Chapter 16

How does the author create the chapter's mood?  
Point to a detail that helps create that feeling.

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