

# How to print this booklet

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Open the PDF, choose Print, and set these:

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| Paper size          | US Letter (8.5 × 11 in)                |
| Orientation         | Landscape                              |
| Print on both sides | On (two-sided / duplex)                |
| Flip on             | Short edge                             |
| Scale               | 100% / Actual size — not “Fit to page” |
| Pages               | All                                    |

## THEN

1. Take the whole stack out of the printer. Keep the sheets in order.
2. Fold the stack in half, so this page is on the outside.
3. Staple twice along the fold.



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# Reading Journal

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My thoughts, chapter by chapter

**Reader:**

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**Book Title:**

Thanks a million

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**Author:**

Nikki Grimes

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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

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*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.

**Chapter 3: Choose one interesting word or phrase from the chapter. What do you think it means, and how does it help you understand the speaker's feelings?**

**Example answer:** One phrase that stood out to me was a phrase that made the thank-you feel warm and personal. I think it means the speaker is not just being polite but really feels cared for. The words help me picture the moment and understand that the kindness made a big difference. It shows that even a small gift or action can feel important when it comes from the heart.

## How to Answer (continued)

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**Chapter 6: Based on the kinds of gratitude shown so far, what kind of thank-you moment do you predict might come next? Explain what makes you think that.**

**Example answer:** I predict the next thank-you moment might be about someone helping in a quiet way. So far, the book shows that gratitude can happen in many different situations, not just when someone gives a big present. I think Nikki Grimes wants readers to notice kindness that might be easy to miss. Maybe the next speaker will thank a friend, teacher, or family member for something simple but meaningful.

**Chapter 9: After reading the whole book, what is one lesson about gratitude that you want to remember? How could you use that lesson in your own life?**

**Example answer:** One lesson I want to remember is that gratitude is not only about saying the words “thank you.” It is also about noticing what people do for me and showing them that I care. I could use this lesson by writing a note to someone who helps me, like a teacher or family member. I could also try to pay more attention to small acts of kindness each day.

# Chapter 1

**Chapter 1: What act of kindness, help, or gift is the speaker thankful for? How can you tell it matters to the speaker?**

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**New word I learned:**

**What do you think it means?**

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# Chapter 9

Chapter 9: After reading the whole book, what is one lesson about gratitude that you want to remember? How could you use that lesson in your own life?

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# Chapter 2

Chapter 2: How does the speaker show gratitude through actions, thoughts, or details instead of just saying “thank you”?

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# Chapter 3

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# Chapter 8

Chapter 8: How does this chapter show that saying thank you can affect both the giver and the receiver?

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# Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What do you learn about the speaker's personality in this chapter? What words, actions, or feelings give you that idea?

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# Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What message does this chapter give about noticing small kindnesses in everyday life? Use details from the text to explain your thinking.

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# Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Do you think the speaker’s way of showing thanks is meaningful? Why or why not?

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# Chapter 6

Chapter 6: Based on the kinds of gratitude shown so far, what kind of thank-you moment do you predict might come next? Explain what makes you think that.

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