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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Waffles (the Puppy Place #68)

Author:

Ellen Miles

Date Started:

Date Finished:

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.

Find a word in this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which clues helped you figure it out?

Example answer: I chose the word [word from the chapter]. I think it means [meaning in my own words]. The nearby words [short quotation] helped me because they describe [context clue]. When I try my meaning in the sentence, it makes sense because [explanation].

How to Answer (continued)

Which action or decision in this chapter do you agree or disagree with most? Explain your opinion and what you might have done instead.

Example answer: I disagree with [character]'s decision to [action from the chapter]. I understand that the character wanted [goal], but the choice caused [result shown in the chapter]. I would have tried [another possible action] instead. I think that would have helped because [reason connected to the problem].

What is something the author helps you understand without saying it directly in this chapter? Explain the clues you put together.

Example answer: I think [character] feels [feeling], even though the author does not say that directly. I noticed that the character [action from the chapter] and says [short quotation]. Together, those clues suggest [explanation]. They helped me understand why the character might [possible reason for the behavior].

Chapter 1

What is the most important event in the chapter you just read? Explain what caused it and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Looking back at this chapter, which problem, discovery, or change seems most important to the story so far? Support your choice with details.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What is something the author helps you understand without saying it directly in this chapter? Explain the clues you put together.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Choose a character who makes a decision in this chapter. What does that decision show about the character? Use a detail from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Find a word in this chapter that is new, interesting, or used in an unusual way. What do you think it means, and which clues helped you figure it out?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Describe a character's feelings at two different points in this chapter. What happens between those points that helps explain the feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does the setting affect what happens in this chapter? Explain how the events might be different in another place or at another time.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on what you have read so far, what do you predict will happen next? Explain which detail makes your prediction likely.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does this chapter suggest about how people should treat others? Describe a moment that helped you notice that message.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Which action or decision in this chapter do you agree or disagree with most? Explain your opinion and what you might have done instead.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
