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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Wombat Waiting

Author:

Katherine Applegate

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.

How does Wombat feel in Chapter 2, and what actions or thoughts show those feelings?

Example answer: I think Wombat feels worried and impatient in this chapter. Wombat keeps paying close attention to what is happening around them, which shows they are hoping something will change soon. The waiting feels hard because Wombat wants an answer right away. This helped me understand that waiting can make even a brave character feel nervous.

Chapter 12

What message or lesson do you think the author wants readers to remember after Chapter 12? Explain using details from the ending.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

**How has Wombat changed by Chapter 11?
Describe something Wombat understands now
that was harder to understand earlier.**

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Do you agree with a choice Wombat makes in Chapter 7? Why or why not?

Example answer: I mostly agree with Wombat’s choice because Wombat is trying to do what feels right, even though it is not easy. I think the choice shows courage because Wombat does not just give up. If I were in the same situation, I might feel scared, but I would hope I could be patient too. The chapter made me think about how good choices can still be difficult.

What message or lesson do you think the author wants readers to remember after Chapter 12? Explain using details from the ending.

Example answer: I think the author wants readers to remember that waiting is easier when you have hope and people who care about you. By the end, Wombat has learned more about patience and trust. The ending shows that even when things do not happen as fast as we want, something meaningful can still come from the wait. This lesson feels important because everyone has to wait for something sometimes.

Chapter 1

What do you learn about Wombat and the main problem in Chapter 1? Use details from the chapter to explain what Wombat is waiting for.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

After reading Chapter 10, how do you think the story's problem might be solved? Use evidence from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Find a phrase or description in Chapter 9 that creates a strong picture in your mind. Why did it stand out to you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Wombat feel in Chapter 2, and what actions or thoughts show those feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Choose one interesting or important word from Chapter 3. What do you think it means, and how does it help you understand the scene?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does Wombat's relationship with another character change or grow in Chapter 8?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Do you agree with a choice Wombat makes in Chapter 7? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on what happens in Chapter 4, what do you predict Wombat will do next? Explain what clues helped you make that prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What does Chapter 5 teach about being patient or hopeful? Give an example from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What new information do you learn in Chapter 6 that changes how you understand Wombat's situation?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
