

Best Practices

NEW EDITION

Level
B

in Reading



**Build Comprehension!
Develop Critical Thinking!**

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Mack's Snack

Jesse and Robbie get a “snack attack” and want something to eat. Will they be able to follow their noses to the best snack?

Think About Fiction

Fiction is a made-up story. It is not true. Some fiction is about people who could be real. This is called **realistic fiction**. Think about realistic stories you have read that are made up.

Predict

Look at the title and pictures in the story. Two boys want a snack. What snacks do you think the boys might eat? Draw what you think Mack's snack is.



STRATEGIES

Make Connections
Question
Make Inferences
Draw Conclusions

Mack's Snack

Make Connections

Think about what you might do to solve the problem that the character has.

I would ask my big sister to fix a snack for me.

What do you do when you are hungry?



“I’m hungry,” Jesse said. “I want a **snack**.”

“Me, too,” Robbie said. “Amanda’s mom is making cookies. We could ask her for one.”

“How do you know she’s making cookies?” Jesse asked.

“I can smell it. Can’t you?” Robbie asked. “I would like a nice, hot cookie.”



snack a food eaten between meals



Question

Ask yourself questions about things you don't understand in a story. Reread or read ahead to find an answer.

I wonder, why didn't Jesse want a cookie? I think the smell of popcorn changed his mind.

Write another question you have about the story so far.

"A cookie is good," Jesse said. "But popcorn is better. And I can smell it **popping** right now."

"I like popcorn, too," Robbie said. "Ms. Flores makes it when she watches the baseball game."

"We could visit her," said Jesse. "She will share some popcorn with us. What do you think?"



popping opening with a loud sound

Make Inferences

Sometimes the author doesn't tell you everything. Use what you have read and what you know to figure out something.

I know pizza comes in a large, flat box and smells good. I think Mack has a pizza!

Write which snack you think the boys like best.



The boys got up to go inside. Just then Mack walked by. He was coming home from his job at the **factory**. He carried a large, flat box.

“Do you smell what I smell?” Robbie asked.

“Yes, I do,” Jesse said. “And it’s better than popcorn.”

“Hello, boys,” Mack said. “Would you like to join me for a snack? I can’t eat all of this by myself.”



factory a place where things are made