

## How to Write a Homework Reply using TRADER

Read the question. Do you understand what is being asked?

Answer each question and back up your answer with details and examples from the book.

Reread your answer to see if you:

1. Answered the question/s.
2. Used complete sentences.
3. Included details and examples.
4. Followed TRADER resource page (already sent home in September.)

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**Example A:** How Feelings Change in a Story. Both samples 1 and 2 do not include enough details or examples.

1. In the story, Sam Gets a Dog, Sam feels excited in the beginning. In the middle, he feels sad. At the end, Sam feels happy.
2. In the story, Sam Gets a Dog, Sam feels excited in the beginning. He is excited because he got a dog. In the middle, he feels sad because the dog ran away. At the end, Sam feels happy because he found the dog.

You need to include MORE details to back up your examples of feelings. Sample 3 has many details and examples from the book to back up the choices of feelings.

3. In the beginning of the story, Sam Gets a Dog, Sam feels excited. He is excited because he got a dog. Sam always wanted a dog and he finally got one for his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday! In the middle, he feels sad because the dog ran away. Sam was taking the dog for a walk when the leash broke off the collar. The dog ran away, despite Sam calling his name and trying to run after him. At the end, Sam feels happy because he found the dog. Sam put "lost dog" posters in his neighborhood. Each poster had pictures of his dog and a phone number to call. That night before bed, Sam received a phone call saying his dog was safe at a house in the next neighborhood. Sam and his mother drove over to pick him up and Sam was very happy to have the dog back!

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**Example B:** Problem and Solution

Sample 1 does not have enough details.

1. In the story, Sam's New Dog, the problem is Sam's dog ran away. The problem is solved when Sam puts up posters and finds him.



Sample 2 has specific examples related to the book.

2. In the story, Sam's New Dog, the problem is Sam's dog ran away. Sam wished for a dog and finally for his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, he got one! It was his responsibility to take the dog for walks. While Sam was taking the dog for a walk one day, the leash broke off the collar. The dog ran away, despite Sam calling his name and trying to run after him. The problem is solved when Sam decides to create posters with pictures of his dog. He included his home phone number. Then he hung the posters all around his neighborhood and even at the grocery stores. Sam received a phone call saying his dog was safe at a house in the next neighborhood. Sam and his mother drove over to pick him up. This shows how Sam's problem was solved.

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### Example C: Text Features Samples

Sample 1 does not have enough details.

1. In the book, Spiders, there is a photograph. The photograph is a picture. There is also a table of contents. It tells me the chapter titles and page numbers. Last, there is a glossary. It tells me the meanings of bold print words.

Sample 2 has specific examples related to the book.

2. In the book, Spiders, there are many text features. One text feature is a photograph. In this book, the photograph shows a spider spinning a web. It is a brown spider that has just begun spinning the web. Another text feature is the table of contents. In this book, the table of contents tells me there are eight chapters. For example, Chapter 3 is titled, "Different Kinds of Spiders" and it begins on page 27. This tells me there must be different kinds or types of spiders. A third text feature is the glossary. The glossary is a listing of bold print words from the text. The glossary gives me definitions of the bold print words. For example, the word "spider" is in this glossary and the definition says, "Any of numerous arachnids of the order Araneae, having a body divided into a cephalothorax bearing eight legs, two poison fangs, and two feelers and an unsegmented abdomen bearing several spinnerets that produce the silk used to make nests, cocoons, or webs for trapping insects." Text features are helpful when navigating an informational book.

NOTE: Including more details and examples does not mean to retell the whole story. Only include details and examples that directly explain a character's feelings, the problem/solution, or the topic of the question. Retelling the story is not the question in the BCR.