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Read the passage. Use the visualize strategy to help form pictures in your mind.

River Rescue

12 Enid lived in the jungle with her family and friends. Her home
23 had tall green trees, cool blue streams, and bright and beautiful
flowers. It had enough tasty, fresh fruit to last forever.

33 The only thing Enid loved and adored more than her jungle
44 home was reading. She read stories about fish. She read stories
55 about dogs. She read stories about castles in France. Sometimes
65 her friends told her that she read too much.

74 “Enid! You always have your trunk in a book! Your eyes will
86 start to ache if you read too much,” her friend Mabel would say.
99 “Come swimming instead.”

102 “I’ll swim later. I’m reading about a girl with ruby red
113 slippers.”

114 Every evening after dinner, Enid would try to read her favorite
125 stories to her friends. They would listen for a little while, but one of
139 them would always say, “Hearing stories isn’t fun! Let’s go play!”

150 Enid kept reading. She hoped she would inspire her friends to
161 read.

162 One day, after a heavy rain, Enid was trying to read a story
175 about a beaver building a dam. In the middle of chapter 12, she
188 heard a cry for help.

193 Books are a good way to become educated. However, even
203 Enid would put a book down if someone needed her help.

214 “Help!” said the small, meek voice. It came from the river’s edge.

226 “I know that voice!” said Enid. “It’s my friend Mabel!”

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Enid ran toward Mabel's voice. When she reached the river's edge she was surprised and shocked by what she saw. The usually calm, flat, clear water was now dark and swirling with splashing white waves. On the other shore on the opposite side of the river was tiny Mabel.

"Enid. What can we do?" asked her friend Harold. "We were about to play in the river like we always do. Mabel was on the other side of the river about to pick some fruit for lunch. Then it happened! The river got deeper and wider all of a sudden. It was magic."

"It wasn't magic," said Enid. "It is a flood. I read about it. Sometimes when it rains too much like it did today, rivers can swell and get bigger without a warning."

"What can we do to help Mabel?" asked Harold. "Did you also read about something to help when rivers get too big?"



Enid thought about her book about the beaver's dam. "Yes! We can build a dam. A dam is like a wall in the river. It slows down the water. When it slows down, Mabel can cross back to us safely."

"How do we make a dam?" asked Harold.

"Like this," said Enid. She rolled round, gray stones toward the river, slowly building a wall in the water. Her friends began helping her, assisting Enid in building the dam. Soon, it was complete and the water slowed. Mabel was able to cross back.

After that day, Enid's friends were satisfied to read books with her and listen to her stories.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.**1. What do Enid's actions in the first half of the story tell you about her?**

2. Why do you think Enid wants her friends to read and listen to stories?

3. A character's actions make the events in a story happen. If Enid did not like reading, how would the story be different?

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to expression. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	—	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		—		=	
Second Read		—		=	