Active Reading Strategies

Improving Comprehension

Do you think about what you read? As you read silently, think about the 5 Reading Strategies:

5 Active Reading Strategies:

1. Question

2. Visualize

3. Predict

4. Connect

5. Respond

1. Question what you read

Resources: Comprehension Strategy Poster

Good Reader Strategy Poster

ERT (Everyone Reads To) created by Greg Byers from Teaching

1. Question what you read

- What questions come to your mind?

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- Why do the characters act as they do?

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- Who tells the story?

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- What causes events to happen?

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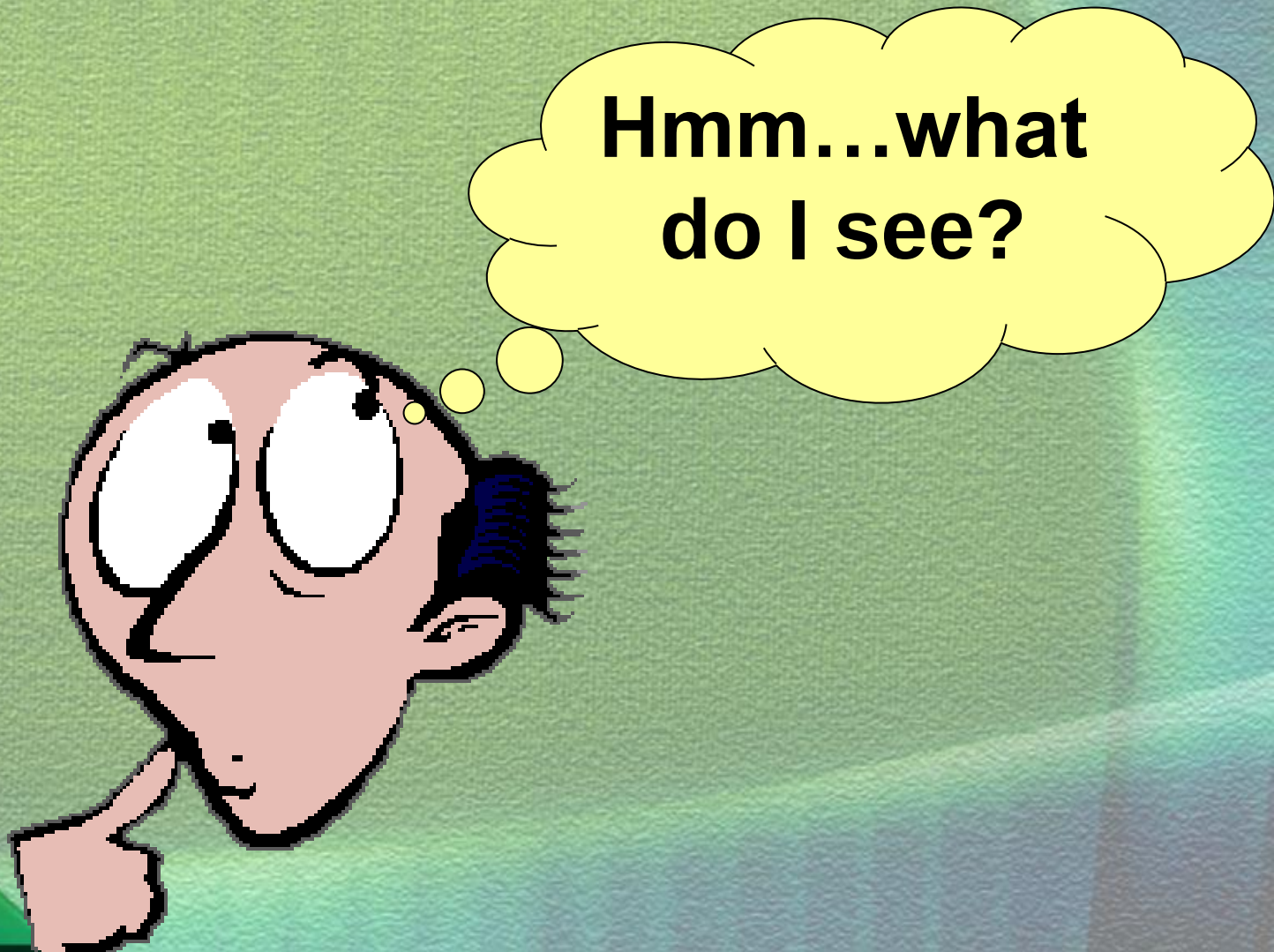
- When does the action peak or climax?

2. Visualize



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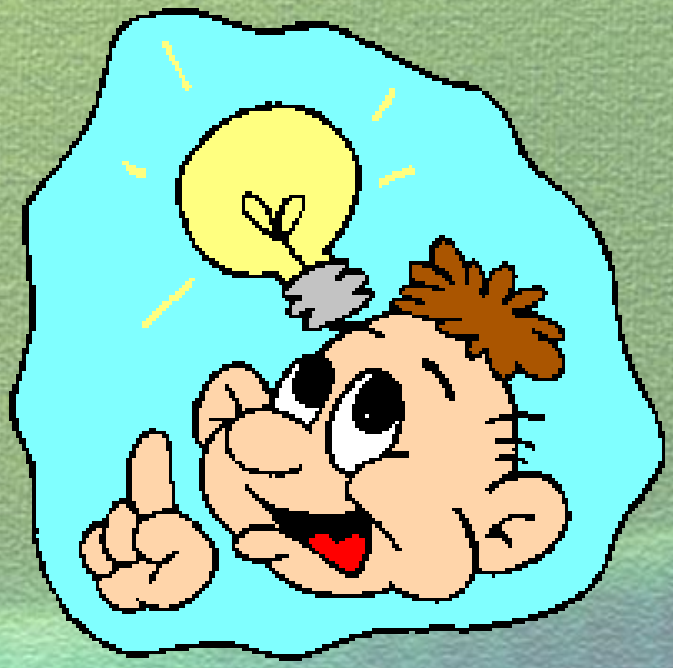
- Create a picture in your mind



2. Visualize

- Make use of similes, metaphors, allusions

She was as...

3. Predict

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- **What do you think will happen? Prove it!**

Resources: Anticipation Guides, Anticipation Template

3. Predict

- Foreshadowing (clues)

3. Predict

- Red Herring (false clues)

4. Connect

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- **Text to Self**
- **Bring your own experiences to the story.**

Resources: Text to Self Worksheet

4. Connect

- Text to Text
- Make connections with other literature, movies, etc.

Resources: Text to Text Worksheet

4. Connect

- **Text to Real World**

This reminds me of…

Resource: Text to Real World Worksheet

5. Respond

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- **What does the story say to you?**

Resources:
Response Journal
Strategy: Use sticky notes to respond

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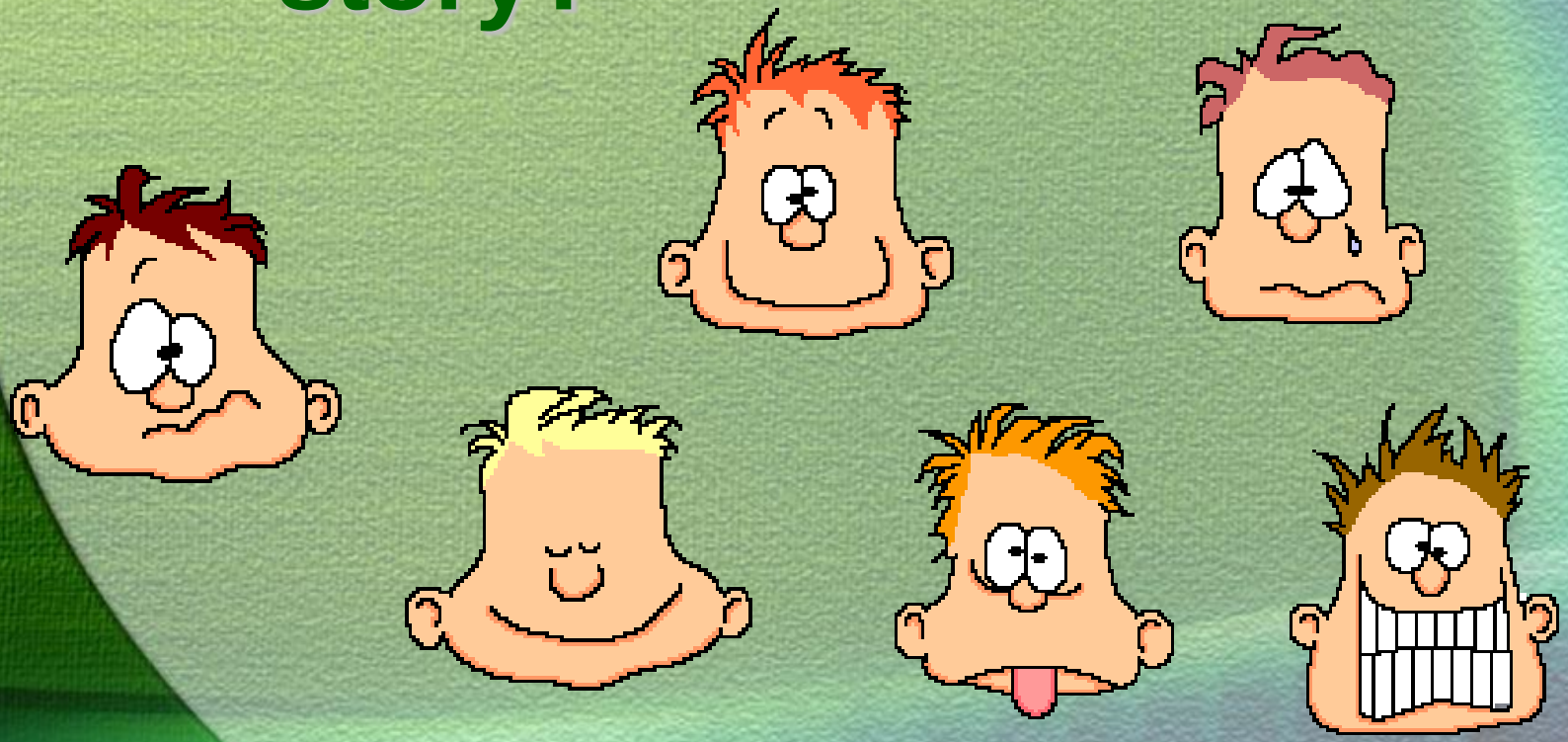
- What is the mood of the story?



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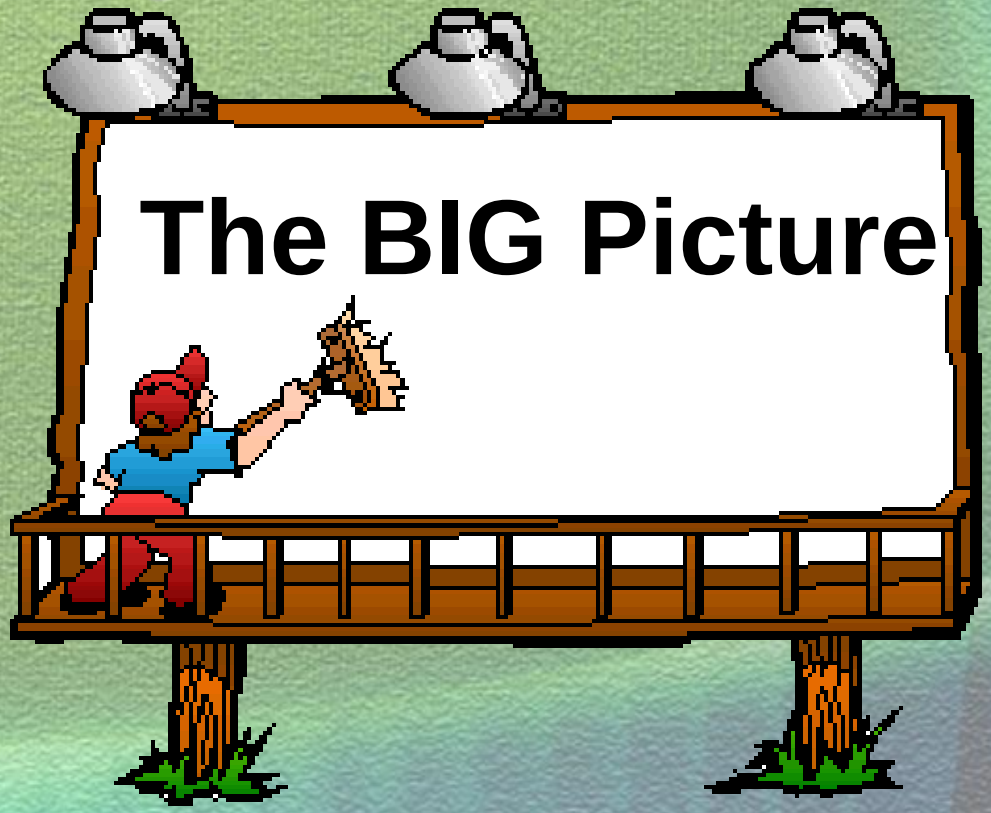

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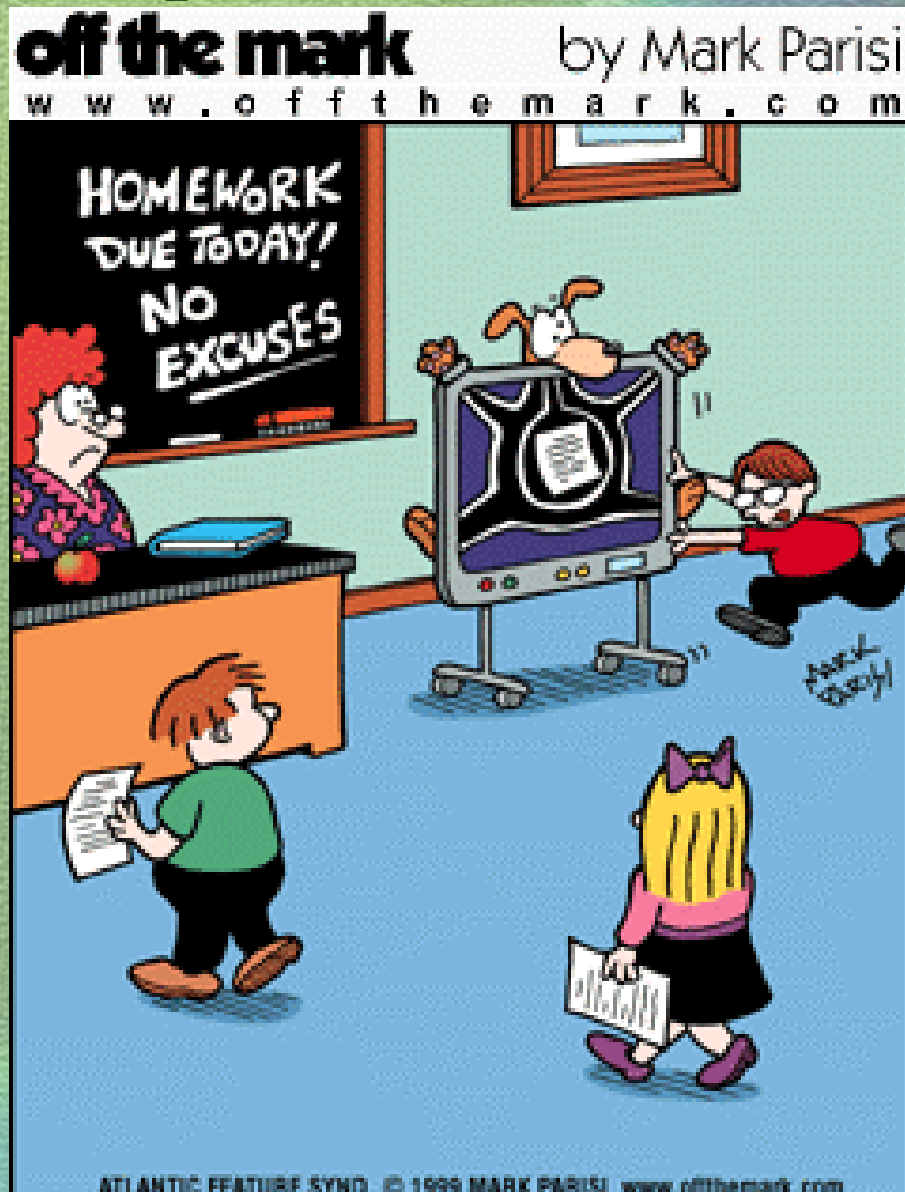
- **What are the internal and external conflicts?**



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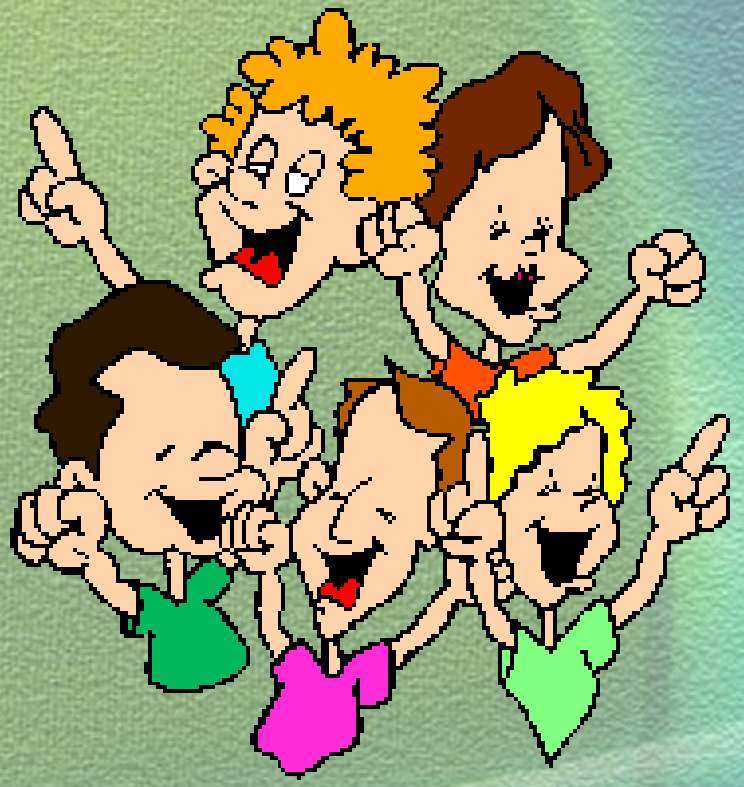
- What is the tone of the story?



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- **What literal meanings are in the story?**

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- What symbols are in the story?

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