

THINK & PROVE

APES READING TOOLKIT

Worksheet 1: Character Struggles



(Example)

• **Directions:**

Use the APES strategy to respond to the following open-ended question.

• **Question:**

What is one major problem the main character faces, and how do they deal with it?

- 1 A – Answer the question with a complete sentence.
- Sentence starter: The main character struggles with...

Your Answer:

The main character, Evan, struggles with jealousy and hurt feelings when he finds out his younger sister Jessie will be in his class.

- 2 P – Prove your answer with evidence or a quote from the text.
- Sentence starter: For example, in the story it says...

Your Answer:

For example, in the story it says, “Evan felt sick. Jessie in his class? That was the worst possible news.”

- 3 E – Explain how the quote supports your answer.
- Sentence starter: This shows that...

Your Answer:

This shows that Evan is uncomfortable and upset because he thinks Jessie might embarrass him or be better than him in front of his classmates.

- 4 S – Summarize your answer again in your own words.
- Sentence starter: In conclusion, the character

Your Answer:

In conclusion, the character feels left out and insecure, and this conflict causes tension between him and his sister throughout the story.