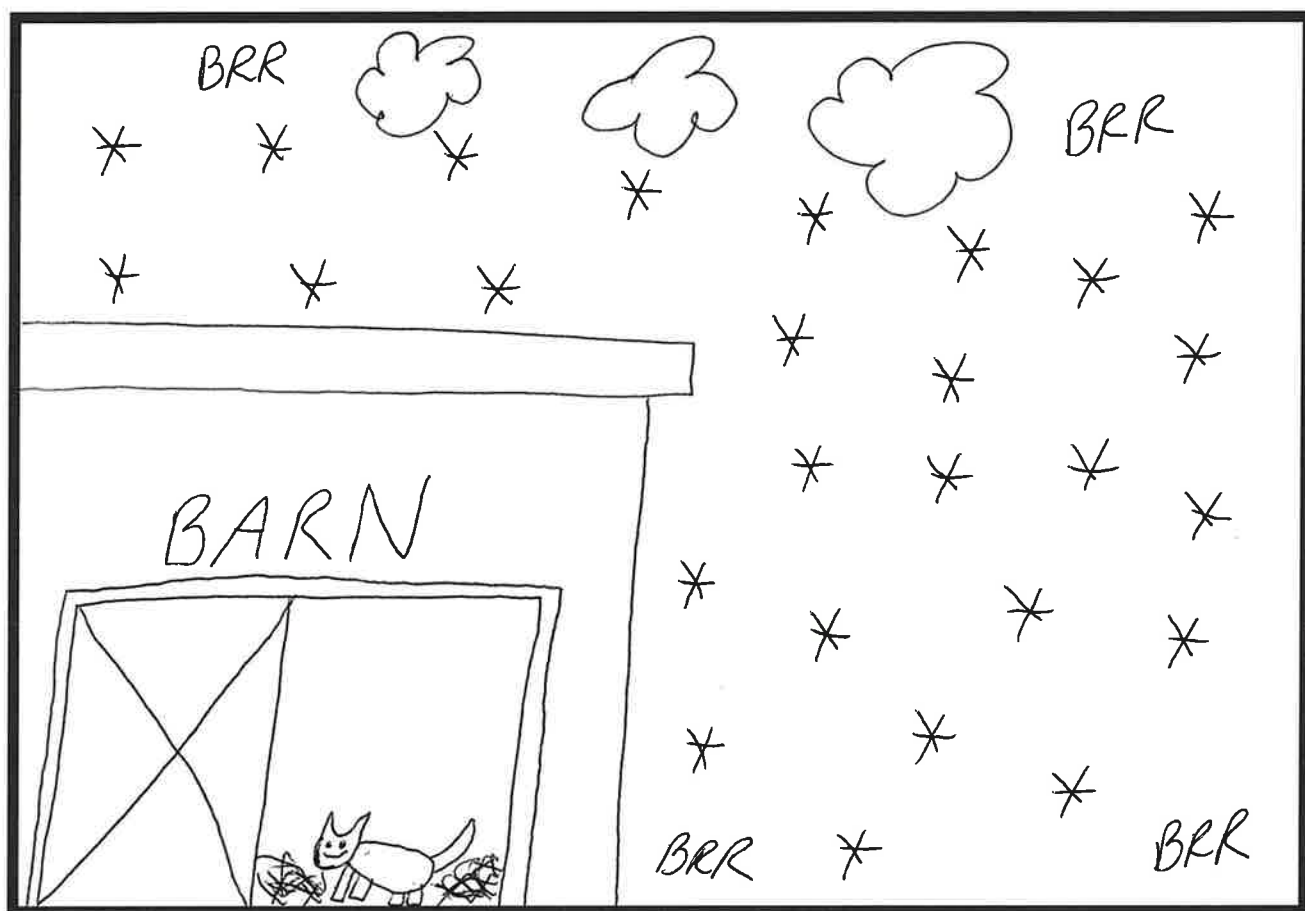


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## Sketch-to-Stretch *A Dog's Life*

Sketch your response to the story in the box below. Remember not to worry about artistic quality, just sketch your reaction.



Describe your sketch and your reaction to the story below.

Squirrel is nice and warm in Susan's barn.  
She is very warm, laying in the warm hay.  
It's midway through winter and the temperatures  
are below freezing. It's snowing outside.  
Squirrel watches the snow as she lays in her  
warm hay bed.

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"Facing in the Rain"

## Anticipation Guide

Before		Statement and Evidence	After	
Agree	Disagree		Agree	Disagree
X		1. Denny will marry Eve. Evidence: Denny marries Eve and she becomes pregnant with their daughter, Zoë.	X	
	X	2. Enzo can read human minds. Evidence: Enzo can read human minds, as he can predict behaviors & future events.	X	
	X	3. Eve passes away. Evidence: Eve becomes sick with a terminal illness and soon passes away.	X	
X		4. Denny stays at his home for the rest of his life. Evidence: He doesn't, as he moves to Italy to pursue his racing career & new job.		X
X		5. Denny will win the custody battle. Evidence: Denny wins the custody battle and moves Zoë with him to Italy.	X	
	X	6. Enzo passes away. Evidence: Enzo becomes very sick and passes away.	X	

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"Marley & Me"

## Story Pyramid

### What is a Story Pyramid and why is it important?

A Story Pyramid (Macon, Bewell, & Vogt, 1991) helps students pinpoint highlights of a story and describe the important parts using a limited number of words. The requirement of brief responses stretches students' thinking and is fun.

### How can I use a Story Pyramid with my students?

Show students the Story Pyramid graphic organizer. Ask questions that will help students complete the pyramid using the correct number of words. Some questions you could use are: "Using one word, can you name the main character?" "Using two words, can you describe the main character?" "Using three words, can you tell where the story took place?" . . . and so on. Once students have completed the story pyramid outline, encourage them to write a summary using the information in the pyramid.

Following is an example of a completed Story Pyramid for *Always My Dad*, a story about a girl who misses her dad, who must travel frequently.

1. Daughter
2. Sad lonely
3. On Grandpa's farm
4. She misses her dad
5. Her dad is always leaving
6. Her dad comes to visit them
7. He leaves again for a new job
8. Dreaming about her dad makes her remember him

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1. Marley

2. Playful Ormery

3. Messy Tove-up House

4. He's a bad dog

5. Marley tears up the house

6. He digs holes in the yard

7. Jenny gives birth to three beautiful children

8. Marley becomes old and sick and passes away.