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## Magic in the Making

On a long train ride, a young woman named Jo daydreamed about a scrawny boy wizard. That night, she rushed home and scribbled on every scrap of paper she could find. / Jo wanted only to write about her magical world but she had to earn money and raise her infant daughter all by herself. The poor mom taught at a local school every day. At night, she hurried to rock her baby to sleep and then write a few sentences before dozing off, pen in hand. / After five years, she finally had a thick printed manuscript. J.K. Rowling's first Harry Potter book was published, and the bookstores sold every copy on their shelves!



Multiple Sentence

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocabulary to Visualize:

**daydreamed:** thought of pleasant things distracting from the present

**scribbled:** wrote quickly but not neatly

**infant:** a baby

**manuscript:** a handwritten or typed document before it is printed

**published:** printed and distributed something for the public

**1 First and Second Sentences:** On a long train ride, a young woman named Jo daydreamed about a scrawny boy wizard. That night, she rushed home and scribbled on every scrap of paper she could find.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. Jo? \_\_\_\_\_
2. the wizard? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jo rushing home? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jo scribbling? \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sentences:** Jo wanted only to write about her magical world but she had to earn money and raise her infant daughter all by herself. The poor mom taught at a local school every day. At night, she hurried to rock her baby to sleep and then write a few sentences before dozing off, pen in hand.

What did those words make you picture? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you picture for...

1. Jo being poor? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jo teaching? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jo rocking her daughter? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jo's mood? \_\_\_\_\_

# 14 Learning to Walk

A veterinarian once took in a tiny piglet who could not use his two stubby hind legs. Dr. Len Lucero pitied the unwanted pig, wrapped him up in a small blanket, and named his new pet Chris P. Bacon. Then Lucero went to a local toy store and returned with a little plastic car. He removed the car's wheels, put a plastic bar through two of them, and buckled the bar to a red harness. Then he slipped the special harness over Chris' torso. The piglet took a few awkward steps, but soon he easily zipped around his new home.



Whole Paragraph

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary to Visualize:

**veterinarian:** a doctor for animals

**pitied:** felt sorrow or sympathy for someone

**harness:** straps and a collar that animals wear

**torso:** the central part of the body from hips to neck

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Write a Word Summary for this Paragraph: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are you picturing for...

1. Dr. Len Lucero? \_\_\_\_\_

2. the piglet? \_\_\_\_\_

3. the harness? \_\_\_\_\_

4. the piglet's first steps? \_\_\_\_\_

5. him zipping around? \_\_\_\_\_

# 18 Fighting the Brain Eater

Once a young girl named Kali splashed and played at a local water park. But a week later, her face was flushed, and she held her hot aching head. Her panicked parents rushed her to the hospital, and doctors started to run tests on the girl. Within a few hours, the doctors found a rare water-borne amoeba inside Kali's skull, eating her brain! Of the 128 people who had ever contracted the microscopic organism, only two people lived. Still the doctors vowed to try and save Kali.

Pale and aching Kali laid flat on a hospital bed as doctors gave her different shots of medicine. But her hot brain was swelling fast and pressing against her skull. Kali's eyelids drooped, and the feverish girl slipped into a coma. Then the doctors placed chilly ice packs all over her body. Soon the swelling stopped, and over the next few days, medicine coursed into her brain and killed the tiny glutton.

After a few weeks in the hospital, Kali's eyes fluttered open. Kali's parents wept with joy as their daughter gave a thumbs up. After six months, amazed doctors let the healthy girl go home. At first, Kali shied away from a glass of water or a sloshing bathtub. But today, the bold teenager swims in her family's pool, grinning from ear to ear.



Paragraph by Paragraph

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary to Visualize:

- amoeba:** a tiny, one-celled animal  
**contracted:** having caught a disease  
**microscopic:** unable to see with the naked eye  
**coma:** a long, deep sleep caused by illness or injury  
**glutton:** someone or something that eats far too much

**1** **First Paragraph:** Once a young girl named Kali splashed and played at a local water park. But a week later, her face was flushed, and she held her hot aching head. Her panicked parents rushed her to the hospital, and doctors started to run tests on the girl. Within a few hours, the doctors found a rare water-borne amoeba inside Kali's skull, eating her brain! Of the 128 people who had ever contracted the microscopic organism, only two people lived. Still the doctors vowed to try and save Kali.

Write a Word Summary for this Paragraph: \_\_\_\_\_

What are you picturing for...

1. Kali splashing and playing? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Kali sick? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Kali in the hospital? \_\_\_\_\_