

Generalize

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Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram by writing down generalizations and their clue words from the passage.

Tom and Jim always had fun when they went camping. They planned the fun things they would do on their trip for days. They liked to plan their camping trips for summer because the weather was usually good. Tom planned their daily hikes. He packed a light breakfast, some water, and a compass. Then he and Jim would usually hike an hour or two in the morning before the sun rose. They often found

themselves on top of a hill where they could watch the sunrise and eat breakfast. Jim was responsible for building their campfires. He gathered sticks and wood and made sure that the fire pit was safe. Jim's campfires were built so well, they often burned late into the night. Usually they talked after dinner until the fire faded away. Tom and Jim's camping trips were always full of great memories.

Generalization	Clue Word?
Tom and Jim always had fun when they went camping.	always
1.	usually
2.	3.
4.	5.

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Home Activity Your child identified generalizations and their clue words in a short passage. Have your child write a paragraph generalizing a topic. Challenge him or her to use the clue words from this passage in their paragraph.

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Mother Bear was busy preparing. Winter was on its way. She gathered her cubs and explained that soon it would be darker during the daytime. "In the winter," she said, "bears usually sleep all day and all night. It is very helpful that it is dark so much." The cubs didn't understand. They were generally awake during the daytime. They wanted to play out by the river.

Mother Bear said, "It will be too cold to play outside, and the river will be frozen." As the cubs gathered in the cave, Mother Bear told them, "Go to sleep, and I will wake you up when it is time to play again. Everyone settled in for a long slumber. The cubs had been wrong. In winter, all bears sleep during the day.

Generalization	Clue Word
In the winter, bears usually sleep all day and all night.	usually
1. _____ during the daytime.	2. _____
3. _____ _____	Everyone
4. _____ bears sleep during the day.	5. _____



Home Activity Your child identified generalizations and their clue words in a short passage. Read a fairy tale or a tall tale with your child. Ask your child to find several generalizations and their clue words.

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Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

Sun and Moon were disagreeing again. It was always the same argument. Sun spent too much time in the sky, and Moon didn't have enough time to herself. Sun told Moon he stayed longer because that was what people and animals wanted. In fact, Sun was sure that they wished he would stay around longer. That was why, every day, Sun shone in the sky, even when it was time for Moon to take over. Usually, Sun remained in the sky for an hour after

his day was finished, creating all different kinds of beautiful colors. Moon wished Sun would just go away at the same time every day. But he never did. Sun seldom listened to Moon. Many times, Sun and Moon would be in the sky at the same time. Moon would try to outshine Sun, but it never worked. Sun was just too bright. It seemed Sun and Moon would never solve this problem.

1. Write a generalization from the passage.

2. How did you know that this was a generalization?

3. Write another generalization from the passage.

4. How did you know that this was a generalization?

5. On a separate sheet of paper, write a short description of what you visualized while you read the passage.

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Home Activity Your child identified generalizations in a short passage. Read a magazine article together. Ask your child to underline some generalizations. Talk about why he or she knows they are generalizations.

