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**Directions:** Good readers skim the text before they read. Skim through the short story on pages 178-187. Look at pictures, headings, key words, etc. Fill in the first two columns below before reading, and fill in the “Revisit Predictions” column as you read.

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| Make PredictionsWhat will the text be about?What will happen later/beyond the story? | What is the prediction based on?Text Clues/Pictures/Prior Knowledge | Revisit PredictionsWas your prediction accurate?Explain how your prediction was confirmed *or* revise your prediction. |
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What the Text Says + What I Already Know = Inference

Find clues in the text to help answer the questions below.

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| **?** | **Text Evidence** | **Prior Knowledge** | **Inference Answer** |
| Based on Tasha’s words on page 178, how does she feel about babysitting for her brother? | *-She says “Oh no!,” “Not that,” and “…to make matters worse.”**-She drops the dish* | *I know that sometimes older siblings don’t want to have their younger siblings around.* | *She’s surprise that her parents are asking her to babysit. She has negative feelings about it, and doesn’t want to do it.* |
| Why does Tasha pull her hair on page 180? |  |  |  |
| What are Tasha’s feelings as the girls begin to jump on page 183? |  |  |  |
| **?** | **Text Evidence** | **Prior Knowledge** | **Inference Answer** |
| How do Tasha’s feelings begin to change as Junior joins in with the jumping on page 183? |  |  |  |
| How does Tasha feel about Junior’s disappearance on page 185? |  |  |  |
| What can you infer from Tasha’s reaction to discovering Junior’s comic book on page 186? |  |  |  |

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**Characterization** is the act of and developing a character. The characters in the story are developed through their actions and their dialogue. This is called *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ characterization*.

**Directions:** Complete each web below by filling in the character traits in the center and providing text evidence, or direct quotes, from the story to support the character trait.