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What is Textual Evidence?



Textual evidence is proof from a story, article, or paragraph that you use to support your ideas.

When you say something about a text, you need to show where you got it from.

Here are some sentence starters and useful phrases for inserting **textual evidence** in your writing.



Step 1:

Explicit Evidence

- According to the text, "..."
- The author states, "..."
- On page [number], it says, "..."
- As described in the article, "..."

Making Inferences

- I can infer that _____ because...
- The evidence suggests that...
- From these lines, readers can conclude that...

Paraphrasing Ideas

- One example from the text is...
- The author mentions that...
- In the story, the character's actions show...



Step 2:

Elaborating Responses

(This is where you explain the meaning of your evidence.)

- This is important because it shows...
- This evidence proves that...
- Furthermore, this relates to the theme of...
- This confirms that...
- This demonstrates that...
- This shows that...



Example Response Using Textual Evidence

Step 1: According to the text, "Juan clenched his fists and slammed the door behind him."

Step 2: This evidence proves he is angry because these actions are common signs of frustration and strong emotions.

Possible Answers:

1) According to the text, "Sarah clutched the flashlight tighter" and "her voice trembled." This confirms that Sarah was nervous because gripping the flashlight tightly and having a shaky voice are signs of fear and anxiety.

2) How do you know Jamal is nervous?

According to the text, "his hands felt cold and his legs wouldn't stop bouncing," which shows that he's feeling nervous.

How do you know that the talent show is important to Jamal?

The text says, "He had been looking forward to the talent show for weeks," which shows it matters a lot to him.

What does Jamal do at the end of the paragraph that shows he's trying to be brave?

One example from the text is when Jamal "grabbed his guitar and whispered, 'Okay... I can do this.'" This shows he is trying to be brave even though he's nervous.