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# **Grade 3: Module 1: Unit 2: Lesson 2**

## **Continued Close Reading of**

### ***Thank You, Mr. Falker*: Text-Dependent Questions and Vocabulary**



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**Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)**

- I can answer questions using specific details from the text. (RL.3.1)  
I can explain what I understand about the topic being discussed. (SL.3.1)  
I can use what the sentence says to help me determine what a word or phrase means. (L.3.4)

**Supporting Learning Targets**

- I can answer questions using specific details from *Thank You, Mr. Falker*.
- I can explain why I chose specific details to answer questions about the text.
- I can determine the meaning of new vocabulary using clues in the text around a word.

**Ongoing Assessment**

- Close Read recording forms (completed) for *Thank You, Mr. Falker*
- *Thank You, Mr. Falker*: Questions from the Text
- Vocabulary cards

**Agenda**

1. Opening
  - A. Engaging the Reader (5 minutes)
2. Work Time
  - A. Answering Text-Dependent Questions (25 minutes)
  - B. Vocabulary (25 minutes)
3. Closing and Assessment
  - A. Debrief (5 minutes)
4. Homework
  - A. Complete any unanswered questions on *Thank You, Mr. Falker*: Questions from the Text handout.

**Teaching Notes**

- Students will need materials from Lesson 1: Excerpts from *Thank You, Mr. Falker* (student copy) and Close Read recording form for *Thank You, Mr. Falker*.
- Review: Think-Pair-Share, Helping Students Read Closely, and Quiz-Quiz-Trade Vocabulary strategy (Appendix 1).



Lesson Vocabulary	Materials
evidence, stumbled, longed, abuzz, elegant, brilliant, bounded, cupboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Illustrations from Thank you, Mr. Falker (pre-selected by teacher, one of each for display)</li><li>• Close Read recording form for Thank You, Mr. Falker anchor chart (from Lesson 1)</li><li>• Excerpts from Thank you, Mr. Falker (from Lesson 1)</li><li>• Thank you, Mr. Falker: Text Dependent Questions and Vocabulary (one per student)</li><li>• 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper (one for the teacher)</li><li>• 3" x 5" index cards (one per student)</li></ul>

Opening	Meeting Students' Needs
<p><b>A. Engaging the Reader (5 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gather the students in a circle. Invite students to form groups of three to discuss the prompt from last night's homework: "Talk to someone at home about Trisha's challenge in learning to read. What challenges might you encounter as a reader this year? How might you overcome them?" If time permits, invite a few students to share out to the whole group.</li><li>• Show students several <b>illustrations from Thank You, Mr. Falker</b>. For each illustration, ask students to Think-Pair-Share the important details happening in that scene: "Who do you see? What do you see? What's an important detail you remember from this part of the story?" Study illustrations for 3 minutes to activate students' prior knowledge.</li><li>• Unpack the learning target: "I can answer questions using specific details from <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>." Ask students to turn and talk with a partner, restating this target in their own words.</li><li>• Direct students to the <b>Close Read recording form for Thank You, Mr. Falker anchor chart</b> that they created. Remind students that today they will continue rereading, talking, and writing about this challenging text to understand it even better.</li></ul>	



Work Time	Meeting Students' Needs
<p><b>A. Answering Text-Dependent Questions (25 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remind students that they have already heard or read <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i> three times: the read-aloud for enjoyment and to get the flow of the story, once on their own and with groups to get the gist of it and find unfamiliar vocabulary, and then on their own and with groups to find and record important details and think about the story's message or lesson.</li><li>Ask students to locate the <b>excerpts from Thank You, Mr. Falker</b> from Lesson 1 and distribute <b>Thank You, Mr. Falker: Text Dependent Questions and Vocabulary</b>. Review with students the process they went through to answer questions about <i>Rain School</i>, <i>Nasreen's Secret School</i>, and <i>That Book Woman</i>. First, they read the questions. Then, they read the entire text, keeping those questions in mind. When they encountered details that could be used as evidence to answer a question, they underlined that section of the text. Review the word <i>evidence</i> with the class as something we use to prove an idea we have.</li><li>Review how to write answers to questions using a full sentence. The first half of the sentence is pulled directly from the question. The second half of the sentence is the evidence found in the text. Model this as necessary. Place students in groups, though they should work on the questions from the text independently. Circulate and support students in finding evidence and writing in complete sentences.</li><li>After 15 minutes of independent work time, ask students to discuss with their group the evidence they found for each question as well as the sentences they wrote as answers.</li></ul>	
<p><b>B. Vocabulary (25 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students will now work with words or the words they circled during their rereading of <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>.</li><li>Gather students in a circle and review the strategy they learned for finding the meaning of unfamiliar words while reading <i>Rain School</i>. Read the learning target: "I can determine the meaning of new vocabulary using clues in the text around a word." Ask students to Think-Pair-Share what this learning target is and what they did with words in <i>Rain School</i>. Share as a whole group.</li><li>Tell students that <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i> is a really hard book. There might have been lots of words in this story that were difficult for them to understand. Tell them that one strategy that helps readers determine the meaning of a word is to look for clues in the text around the unfamiliar word, and then replace the word with other words that might mean the same thing.</li><li>On one side of an 8.5" x 11" sheet of white paper, write the sentence: "The grandpa held the jar of honey so that all the family could see, then dipped a <i>ladle</i> into it and drizzled honey on the cover of a small book."</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The difficulty of the vocabulary in <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i> may require greater teacher involvement in the vocabulary card and Quiz-Quiz-Trade activities.</li><li>The focus of this work is for students to use context clues in determining the meaning of unknown words. See teacher-created list of words (and their context) that lend themselves to this vocabulary strategy.</li></ul>



Work Time (continued)	Meeting Students' Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Circle the word <i>ladle</i>. Think aloud the process of using clues in the sentence: “The grandpa is getting honey out of the jar; you need something to scoop up the honey.” Model the process of substituting other words for the unfamiliar word (i.e., <i>spoon</i>, <i>scoop</i>) until one makes sense.</li><li>Distribute a 3" x 5" index card to each student. Tell them that they will now choose a word from the list provided (see above) or the words they circled while reading their excerpts from <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>. Give students 15 minutes of independent work time to do this with three words. Remind them that on one side they are to write the whole sentence that the unfamiliar word is in, circling the unfamiliar word. On the other side, they are to write two words that mean the same thing as the one that is circled.</li><li>Gather students back in the circle. Tell them they are going to play a quick game of Quiz-Quiz-Trade. Review the process of this game by modeling with one student. Remind students that they begin by showing their partner the sentence or phrase with the unfamiliar word circled. The second person then tries to guess the words on the back of the card. Because students have multiple cards this time, they should alternate turns.</li><li>Allow students to play Quiz-Quiz-Trade for 10 minutes using all three of their cards.</li></ul>	

Closing and Assessment	Meeting Students' Needs
<p><b>A. Debrief (5 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gather students back in a circle. Debrief with the first question: “What are some strategies you used as a reader to answer the questions about <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>?” Share as a whole group.</li><li>Ask the second question: “What are some strategies you used as a reader to figure out tricky vocabulary words in <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>?” Share out as a whole group.</li></ul> <p><i>Note: Review students' question sheets and index cards with vocabulary words to assess their progress toward the day's targets.</i></p>	
Homework	Meeting Students' Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Complete any unanswered questions on <i>Thank You, Mr. Falker</i>: Questions from the Text handout.</li></ul>	



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**Name:**

**Date:**

1. How did Trisha feel about books when she was a very young girl? Use details from the text to support your answer.

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2. At the end of the story, how did Trisha feel about reading? Use details from the text to support your answer.

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3. What obstacles did Trisha face in her journey learning to read? Use details from the text to support your answer.

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4. Why do you think Mr. Falker asked Trisha to play a game after school one day? Use details from the text to support your answer.

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