



ELL Virtual Learning

Grade 6,7,8/Developing Becoming a Better Reader

April 16, 2020



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Objective/Learning Target:

Read a text and make inferences from it, decode words, and interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text.

Let's Get Started:

Watch this video about Discerning Opinion in a Text:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTZjqOU_6Vc

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and answer the questions

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Writing Activity

Write a one-paragraph summary of “Cover That Sneeze!”

Speaking Activity

Summarize what happened in the text for a parent, brother, or sister

Additional Practice:

Click on the link below to practice more with opinions in reading.

Writer's Purpose

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