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Picture This!

Planning illustrations

Tips for Illustrating Book Pages



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Before you draw:

- ① Choose interesting scenes from your story to illustrate. Think—

What are the most important events?

When do my characters show a lot of action or feelings?

- ② Vary your pictures. Think—

When do I need to share an important detail or a character's feeling?
(Show these scenes up close.)

When do I need to show characters in action? When is a change in the
setting important? (Show these scenes a little farther away.)

- ③ Match details from your story in your illustrations.



After you have your plan:

- ① Draw your pictures in pencil.
- ② Use washable markers to fill in your drawings.

Use one color at a time.

Let the ink dry before moving to the next marker so the colors don't smear.