

# Read. Think. Explain.

An active reader is always looking for deeper meaning in a story. In this activity, you'll answer questions about the characters, their motivations, and how they work together to find solutions to their problems in "Maxwell's Fabulous Tee Shirts."

**Directions:** Answer the questions below, using information and details from the story to back up your ideas. Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

**1. In the beginning of the story, how does Maxwell feel about taking summer art classes? How does it present a conflict for him? What does this tell you about Maxwell?**

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**2. Why do you think Mr. Kimberly didn't want to sell Maxwell's tee shirts?**

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**3. How does Maxwell react to Mr. Kimberly's rejection? How does his dream help him?**

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**4. It took a lot of courage for Maxwell to ask Melodie to sell his tee shirts. What shows you this in the story?**

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**5. How have Maxwell's feelings about Old Turtle changed by the end of the story? What does this tell you about how he has changed? What did he learn from the summer's experiences?**

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