

Close Reading in Fiction

Authors use different types of words to describe a character, setting, or an event.

Readers can use words in the text to help them learn more about these story elements.

- Adjective - a word that describes a noun. (Example: old)
- Adverb - a word that describes a verb or adjective. (Example: slowly)
- Verb - a word that describes an action. (Example: run)

Directions: Read the passage and identify the underlined words as adjectives, adverbs, or verbs. Record them on the chart below.

“Drake, do you want to go outside to play?” my sister asked me.

I quickly ran to get my jacket. Playing a game with Mya’s new ball sounded like fun. She never asked me to play games with her, so I was excited.

But when I opened the closet door, there it was. I saw something and I jumped and screamed like a baby. A huge, hairy spider!

My scream was as loud as a lion because I was so scared! Even though the spider was fake, it looked so real. Ever since that day, I’ve been really afraid of spiders. I just can’t stay calm when I see a spider.

Adjectives	Adverbs	Verbs

Directions: Answer the questions based on the information from the text using the sentence frames. Use the words from the chart in Part 1 as a Word Bank.

1. What was the spider in the closet like?

The spider in the closet was _____, _____, and _____.

2. What did Drake do when he opened the closet door?

Drake _____ a fake spider. He _____ and _____.

3. How did Drake feel about the spider?

He felt _____ of the spider in the closet.

