My Father’s Dragon

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| VOCABULARY | SKILLS | QUESTIONS |
| **Chapter 1**alley obliged furnaceCellar traveler weepinhabited |  | * Who is telling the story?
* How would you feel if your mother would not let you keep a pet?
* Do you agree with the father’s actions?
* What is the illustration on page 12 showing us? How does this relate to the story?
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| **Chapter 2**moody dependable | personification | * How could the dragons end their river troubles?
* What can you tell about animals on the island?
* Why would the cat be a great help?
* Reread the list of supplies on page 18. Predict what these are needed for.
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| **Chapter 3**tangerine |  | * Why does the cat tell him to take the bag marked “Cranberry”?
* What did the sailors think was in the bag?
* Why is the island called “Tangerina”?
* Why is the other island called “Wild Island”?
* Why would he not want to be seen by the wild animals?
* What was making the noise?
* Does Elmer make it to the island?
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| **Chapter 4** tortoise boar solemn | Setting, cause and effect, sequence | * What does the mouse think Elmer is?
* What caused him to start walking again?
* What is the second thing Elmer is mistaken as?
* Where is Elmer in the illustration on page 30-31? What does this show us?
* Reread the conversation Elmer overhears. How does this change the way he acts and will act in the future?
* Make a list of the animals that Elmer has run into.
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| **Chapter 5**Contradict | Cause and effect | * Why is the sharp turn in the river a problem for Elmer?
* What made Elmer nervous?
* What does Elmer think will solve his tiger problem?
* How does Elmer trick the tigers?
* What does the illustration on page 42-43 show? Does it match what we have read?
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| **Chapter 6**suspicious weeping | sequence | * Why is he no longer using the river?
* How does he know that the mouse is there?
* How does Elmer solve the problem with the rhinoceros?
* Continue with the list of animals.
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| **Chapter 7** |  | * What has happened to the lion?
* How does Elmer save himself here?
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| **Chapter 8** |  | * Who does Elmer keep running into, but they don’t see him?
* How does Elmer know which way to go?
* What problem does the gorilla still have?
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| **Chapter 9** |  | * Why is it a good thing the gorilla still has fleas?
* How did Elmer outsmart the crocodiles?
* What did he tie to the crocodile tails?
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| **Chapter 10** |  | * How did the boars find out it was a trick?
* What will they do if they can’t cut through the rope?
* How did the crocodiles help Elmer? Did they do this on purpose?
* Study the illustration on pages 74-75. What scene does this represent. Find it in the text.
* How will the mother feel about the dragon? (go back to chapter 1)
* What information do we get from this map? Why do you think this map is at the back and not the front?
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