My Father’s Dragon

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| VOCABULARY | SKILLS | QUESTIONS |
| **Chapter 1**  alley obliged furnace  Cellar traveler weep  inhabited |  | * 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? |
| **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. |
| **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? |
| **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. |
| **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? |
| **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. |
| **Chapter 7** |  | * What has happened to the lion? * How does Elmer save himself here? |
| **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? |
| **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? |
| **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? |