

Understanding Character Actions

Guided Instruction

RL.2.3

Words to Know

blur

trim

Characters usually take action in a story when major events happen. Characters also respond to **challenges**, or problems, in a story.

Find Evidence

A Major events make up the plot of a story. In paragraph 1, circle the major event that happened before the story starts.

B Characters react in different ways to events. The way they react is the action they take or how they behave. In paragraph 1, underline the words that show how Amit feels about the major event.

The Mad Glad Mystery

(Genre: Mystery)

- 1 Amit crawled along on his bike. He used to race past the houses on Rainbow Street. All their colors seemed to **blur** together. So the street fit its name! But since the storm, Amit's feet felt heavy and sad.
- 2 Amit had seen the trees every day of his life. He had watched them as a little boy riding his trike down the sidewalk. Mom said he had even watched the trees as a baby. He had pointed excitedly from his stroller.
- 3 In summer, the trees made a green roof. In fall, the roof turned red and yellow. And in winter, their branches looked like fingers that touched the clouds. But now, many of the trees were gone.
- 4 "Hi, Mr. Tan," Amit said. "That was a bad storm, wasn't it?"

