

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

First Reading: Illustrations

As you are studying the illustrations, note that the Whos' expressions never change. Their feelings stay the same regardless of what happens in the illustration. However, the expression on the Grinch's face changes, revealing his transformation. As you see the Grinch change his expressions talk about what his new expression might mean. What might cause him to change how he is feeling? Since this story is so popular, your listener may approach this reading with prior information of the plot. Have the listener share whatever is known about any of the illustrations.

*When numbering pages, the text begins on page 1.

Pages 1 - 5:

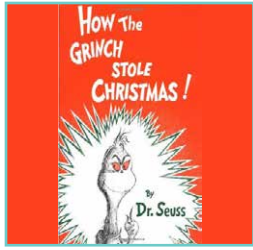
- What do you know about who the characters might be?
- On pages 2 - 5, discuss how the Grinch might be feeling? (looks grumpy), the setting (dark cave, in the winter), and use of so little color (black, white, and a little red).

Pages 6 - 11:

- On pages 6 - 9, discuss what the characters are doing and how they seem to be feeling. Find signs that the setting is Christmas.
- On pages 10 and 11, what might the characters be doing?

Pages 12 - 17:

- What is the Grinch doing?
- Look at the Grinch. What might he be feeling in these illustrations?
- How does the dog seem to be feeling? Why might he be feeling something different from the Grinch?



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Pages 18 - 27:

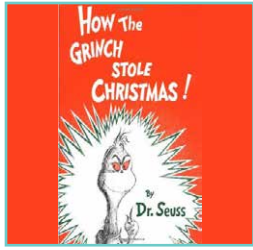
- What is the Grinch doing on these pages? (He is taking the gifts and treats out of the house.)
- Discuss how the Grinch and the dog's faces reveal how they are feeling.

Pages 28 - 35:

- On page 28 and 29, why might the little character have gotten out of bed? What might the characters be thinking and saying to each other?
- On pages 30 and 31, look at the expressions of the characters. How might the characters be feeling? What might they be saying to each other?
- On pages 32 and 33, where is the little girl? Look at the mouse's expression. How might the mouse be feeling? Why might he be feeling that way?
- Look at each of the character's expressions on page 35. What might each of the character's be thinking?

Pages 36 - 41:

- Where did the Grinch get everything that is filling his sleigh?
- On pages 36 and 37, how do the Grinch and the dog seem to be feeling? Why might they have different feelings?
- On page 39, it looks like the Grinch is going to push the sleigh over the mountain peak. Why might he want to push the sleigh over the top of the mountain. Again, discuss the different expressions of the dog and the Grinch.
- What do you think the dog and the Grinch are doing on page 41? (listening)



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Pages 42 - END:

- On page 42 and 43, the dog and the Grinch seem to have the same feelings. What might they be feeling? Make a prediction about what is making the musical notes.
- On pages 44 and 45, what are the characters doing? How might they be feeling? Why might they be feeling this way?
- On pages 47 - 49, the dog and the Grinch are feeling the same way. What are they feeling and why?
- Explain what is happening in the last illustration. Predict what's going to happen now that Pete has zero buttons on his shirt.
- Has Pete's expression changed?