

Momotaro, Little Peachling

Name _____

As you read, write two or three sentences to describe what happens in each chapter.

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Chapter 5

Chapter 6

Chapter 7

Chapter 8

Moral



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Reread the sentences containing these words, and predict what you think they mean from the words around them. Then check the dictionary meanings of these words and fill them in.

Word	My prediction	Dictionary meaning
ogre		
journey		
coward		
intelligent		
misfortune		
quarrel		
puzzlement		
ludicrous		
motley		
mortal		
pulverize		
precipice		

Alliteration occurs when the author uses the same letter to start words that are written together or close together. For example: *stolen spoils, stunning sky, and wintery wind*. Alliteration sounds interesting and also adds meaning.

Use alliteration to add words to these:

_____ sea _____ monkey

_____ water _____ ogres

_____ boat _____ couple

_____ farmers _____ mountains



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The way words are written in books is sometimes different to the way we speak in daily life. For each sentence below, write the way we might say this. Check the sentences in the book if you need more information about what they mean.

He took his leave sadly. (page 15)

His sadness was reflected in the eyes of the old man and the old woman. (page 15)

He had just thrown himself down under a tree. (page 16)

Accept my apologies. (page 18)

You must not quarrel again. (page 19)

Surrender yourselves or you will surely be killed. (page 26)

Why do you cry? (page 29)

Do not fear. (page 29)

He showered them with riches. (page 32)



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In which country did this story originate?	
Who is the hero?	
What are the qualities of the hero?	
Who is the villain or villains?	
What are the qualities of the villains?	
Who are the other characters in this story?	
What are the qualities of the other characters?	
When did this story take place?	
What was the setting?	
What was the goal in this story?	
What obstacles did the hero face?	
How did it end?	
What is the moral or lesson?	



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Search through the book and find examples of the old couple and Momotaro being shown in a positive way, and the ogres being shown in a negative way.

Old couple and Momotaro

Ogres

For example:

Page 6: The old woman takes the peach home as a treat for her husband

For example:

Page 14: Momotaro tells of how the ogres steal, kidnap, and kill



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Multiple Intelligences (intrapersonal)

This story teaches us that good deeds of kindness are appreciated and rewarded. In this story, the old couple's kindness was rewarded with riches. Sometimes kindness is rewarded with good deeds in return, or words of thanks. Think of two people who are kind to you. Think of ways to show these people that you are grateful.

Person's name:

How this person is kind to me:

Ways I can show my thanks:

Person's name:

How this person is kind to me:

Ways I can show my thanks:



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In folktales the reader knows that make-believe creatures and animals can be brought to life. Making things that are not people act like people is called personification. In *Momotaro, Little Peachling*, the animals and the ogres have been personified.

Go through the story and record all the things that show the animals and ogres acting like people.

Think of other stories or movies that personify animals or creatures. Draw and label characters from these stories or movies below.



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Notes



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