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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

Write character traits for each character. List evidence of these traits from the book.

Anastasia	Evidence from the book
Dad	Evidence from the book
Mr Hetherington	Evidence from the book
Bill	Evidence from the book

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Code Breaker

When authors say that something is like something else they are using a device called a simile. For example, *Sharky charged into the river like a canine torpedo*. Locate these similes in the book. Record their page numbers, and reread the section of the book containing these words. Write what the author means. Work with a friend if you need help.

Simile	Page number	What I think the author means
Like a toddler in a paddling pool		
Red as a beetroot		
Took off after it like a polaris missile		

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which an author uses words, emotions and associations about one thing to describe something else. For example, an author may describe a person as a sly fox. What does this metaphor from page 17 of the book mean:

This dog was my meal ticket. _____

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Meaning Maker

Anastasia likes animals and that is why Dad thinks this job may suit her. Think of four things that you like or like to do. Think of some jobs that would enable you to do work in these areas.

Things I like, or like to do	Possible jobs

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◆ Text User

1. Did the word *wrangler* give you any indication of what was in store for Anastasia? What did you expect before you started reading?

2. Did the title, cover illustration, and blurb make you want to read this story? Give reasons.

3. What will you remember about this book?

4. Do you think the author wrote this story to appeal to boys or girls, adults or children? Explain.

5. Could you relate to this story? Give reasons.

6. Do you enjoy books where there are a series of problems for the main character? Why?

7. How did you feel as Anastasia went from one catastrophe to another? Explain.

8. Were you able to predict the final scene?

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Text Critic

Did you get the impression that Anastasia's character is constructed so we will like her? Explain.

Why do you think the author does this?

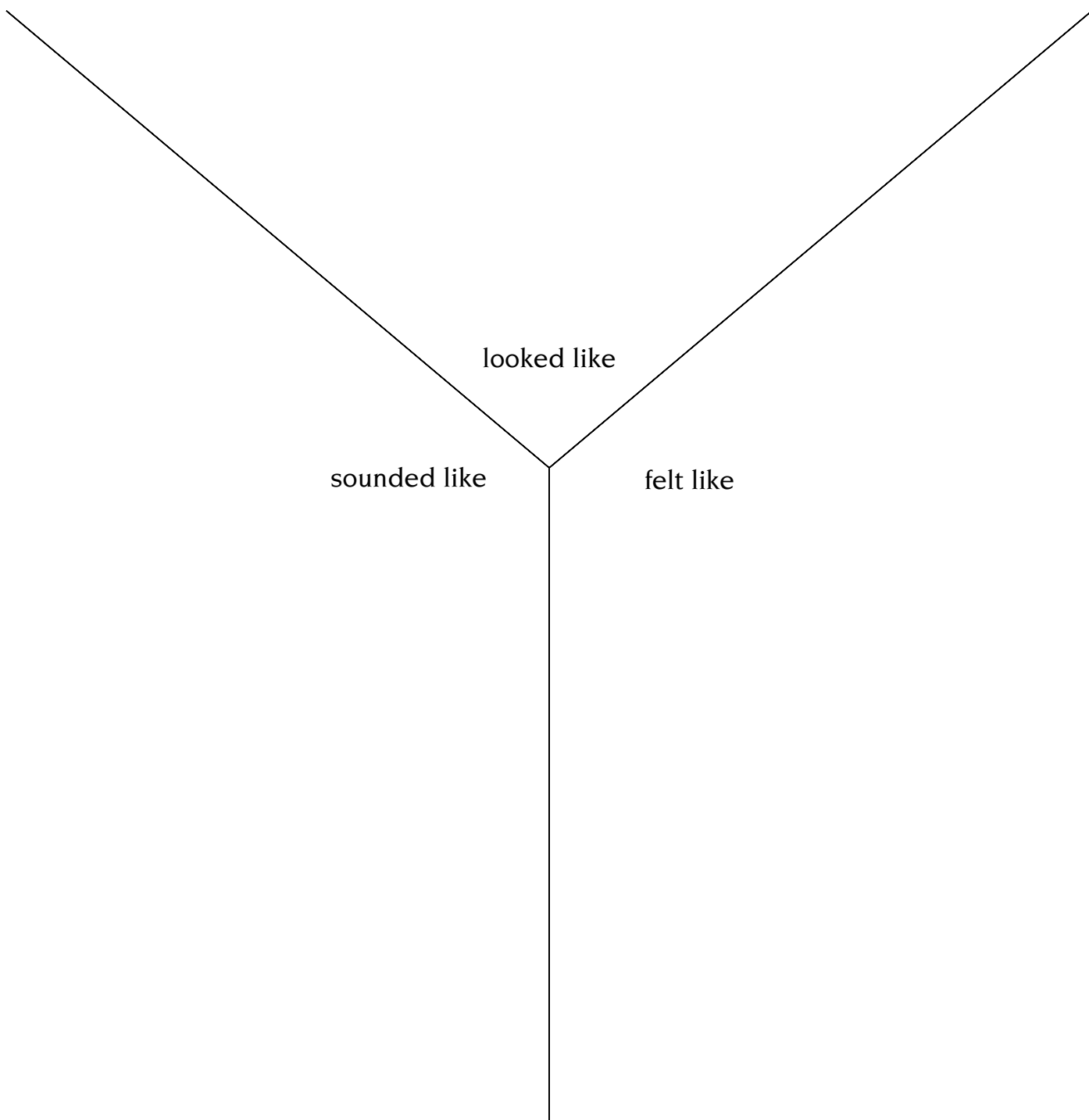
We have built an understanding that Anastasia likes animals, but doesn't have much training in making them obey her. On the lines below write about things that would have helped Anastasia to do her job more effectively.

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Multiple Intelligences
Intrapersonal

What do you think the events of the story looked like, sounded like, and felt like to Anastasia? Record your responses on the Y Chart below.



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Humour

1. Would you describe this story as a comedy, realistic fiction, suspense, or a combination of these?

2. How does the author build the action in this story? Refer to the book to show evidence.

3. How does the author keep us guessing about what will happen next?

4. Write a quick outline of how this story is organized. Finish the sentences.

At the beginning _____

In the middle _____

The story concludes _____

5. Would you say this statement is true or false?

The more stories you read, the easier it is to work out what will happen at the end.

6. Do you enjoy stories like this? Give reasons.

7. Write the names of two books, shows, or films that remind you of this story.

8. Write the names of people that you think would enjoy this book. Give reasons.
