

**Snapshot Response to
“Because of Winn-Dixie”
by Kate DiCamillo**

1. Think about the sequence. What happens to Miss Franny Block’s feelings about Winn-Dixie from the beginning of the Snapshot to the end? Why do her feelings change?

At first, Miss Franny is afraid of Winn-Dixie because she thinks he is a bear. At the end, she becomes his friend after the dog “smiles” at her.

2. Miss Franny describes the bear as having a *peculiar* smell. What other words might she have used in place of *peculiar*? Use a thesaurus. Remember that some synonyms will not be appropriate to describe the bear’s smell.

Possible responses: *odd, strange, weird, unusual.*

3. Winn-Dixie is a dog with talent. What is that talent? Does he have more than just one talent? Look back at the Snapshot to help you.

Answer should include his being able to “smile” and knowing to stand up and look through the library window at Opal.