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# Draw Conclusions • Summarize

- A **conclusion** is a decision or opinion that makes sense based on facts and details.
- You can also use what you **already know** to draw a conclusion.
- Good readers stop often and **sum up**, or list the important ideas, of what they've read so far.

**Directions** Read the following passage and use the information to complete the chart below.

<p><b>M</b>y dad is a baker. He works right around the corner from our house. He leaves our house in the morning, when it is still very, very dark out. He has to start early so people can have fresh baked goods when the bakery opens.</p>	<p>Dad doesn't mind getting up so early. He says it's really quiet outside when he goes to work. And he especially likes the smiles on people's faces when they bite into something good that he has made.</p>
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**Directions** Write a fact from the story in boxes 1–3. Write something you know about that relates to the story in box 4. Then write a conclusion in box 5.

<p><b>1. Fact:</b> Dad doesn't mind getting up early.</p>	<p><b>2. Fact:</b> Dad likes that it's so quiet when he goes to work.</p>	<p><b>3. Fact:</b> He likes the smiles on customers' faces.</p>	<p><b>4. What I Know:</b> People are happy when they're doing something they like to do.</p>
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<p><b>5. Conclusion:</b> The dad in the story has a job that he likes and that makes him happy.</p>			

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**Home Activity** Your child learned about drawing conclusions. Tell your child about something that you did today. Ask him or her to draw a conclusion based on what you've said and what he or she already knows about you or the thing you did.