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# Generalize • Predict

- When you read, you find facts or ideas about things or people. Sometimes, you can make a **general statement** about them.
- A **general statement** tells how things or people are all alike in some way.

**Directions** Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

<p><b>F</b>ive kids were studying under the big oak tree near the town's square. They watched as other kids their age played on the swings. They didn't have time to play. They were all doing their best to keep their grades the highest in their class. Maria looked around when she heard a deep voice. She thought the voice said, "Go play."</p>	<p>Then Carlo and Manuel began to explain something, but stopped in mid-sentence. The boys looked at each other with mouths open. "Go have some fun," a deep voice said. "You're a kid only once." Now everybody looked around. The tree shook as if it were hit by a great wind. "Go and play!" it thundered. All five kids were out of there in a flash.</p>
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1. What is a general statement you can make about what you read?

**Possible response: You should work hard but also make time for fun.**

List three ideas that helped you make a general statement about this story.

- 2. **None of the five kids were playing.**
- 3. **The five kids didn't have time to play.**
- 4. **The five kids cared a lot about their grades.**

5. Who did you predict was speaking to the kids? Was your prediction correct?

**Possible response: I predicted the tree was talking. I was right.**

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**Home Activity** Your child learned about making generalizations. Look through the newspaper for an article that makes a generalization. Help your child point out the ideas or facts in the article that contribute to the generalization that was made.