Unit One
Week One
“A Fresh Idea”
From the time we get up in the morning to the time we go to sleep at night, we need things to help us survive. We meet these needs in a variety of ways.

Complete the Web:

Silently read “A Fresh Idea”. Think about what the main idea and most important details are. Write a short and concise summary of “A Fresh Idea”.

The story "A Fresh Idea" is about Mali who heard from her mom about their old neighbor who won't have her annual tomato stand. She decided that she will start her own tomato stand with the help of her neighbor Mr. Taylor, who will give her a plot of his garden.

Close Reading: Re-read paragraph one and take a closer look. What do Mali’s actions reveal about her character? Identify the evidence in the text and then write your response.

Smart and hard working, it tells you that she was insisting on making her small tomato project work. Helpful and insisting to work on making this useful for the people.
Inference: A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning. Re-read paragraphs 2 and make and inference about Mali. What do Mali’s feelings about the stand closing reveal about her?

Sad and upset about knowing that there will be no more fresh tomato.

Sequence of Events: Complete the Graphic Organizer

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<th>Characters</th>
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<td>Mrs. Fair closed her tomato stand because she was getting old and Mali is decided to start her own business.</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
<td>Mali starts planting her tomatoes on the plot given by Mr. Taylor.</td>
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<td>End</td>
<td>She sold all of the tomatoes and got all her money and earned 20 $ as a profit.</td>
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Skill: Sequence - The sequence is the order in which the plot events happen in a story. The sequence of events includes the most important events at the beginning, middle, and end. Sequence also includes when characters and settings are introduced.

Genre: Realistic Fiction
- Tells about characters, settings, and events that are like people, places, and events in real life
- Includes dialogue and descriptive details
- Often includes illustrations

List three examples that show that “A Fresh Idea” is realistic fiction. **Answers may vary.**

1. Mrs. Fair is closing her stand because she is getting old.

2. Selling the tomatoes to make profit.

3. Growing the tomatoes is natural and real.

Context Clues: When you read a sentence and do not know what a word means, you can look at the other words and phrases in the sentence to help you figure out the meaning.

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Essential Question: How did Mali and Mr. Taylor each get something they needed? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Mali made a profit and enough money to buy the video game she wanted and of course after the help of Mr. Taylor. He offered her the plot of land in return she gave him fresh tomato after selling the tomato she invested in.

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Text to Self: How has someone helped you get something you needed?

Answers may vary.