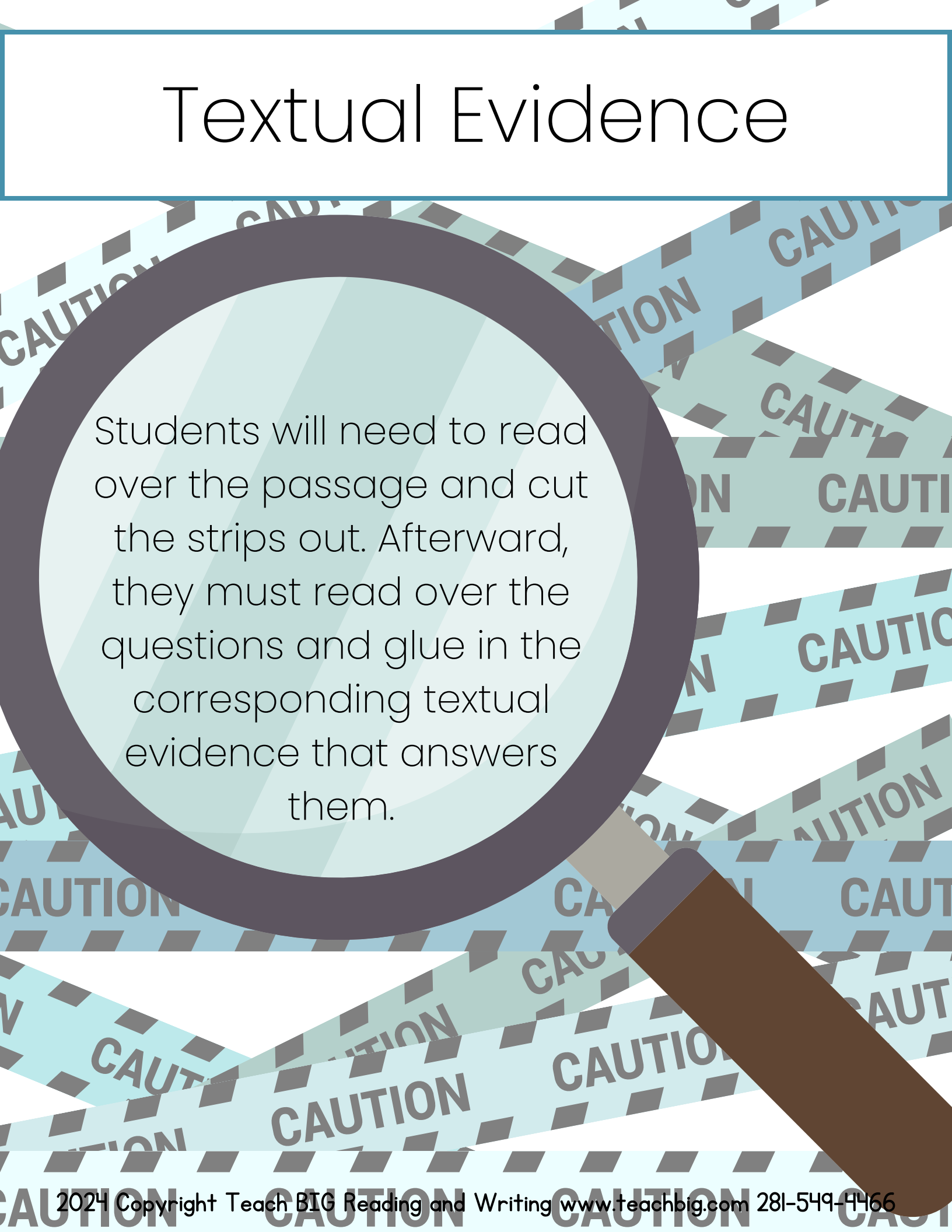
Textual Evidence



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Mikey the Worker

1 There was a boy named Mikey who wanted a dog more than anything in the world.

2 Mikey begged his mom and dad to take him to the shelter, but every time they would say, "No Mikey, not until you can prove that you are responsible enough to take care of one."

3 Mikey decided he was going to prove to his parents how responsible he could be.

4 Mikey got up at 7 a.m. Saturday morning and darted downstairs.

5 His mom and dad were surprised to see him so energized.

6 He asked, "Mom, Dad, will you make me a list of everything you need done around the house?"

7 The list was a mile long in Mikey's mind, but if he wanted his furry friend, he'd do ten times the chores.

8 Mikey worked hard all day long mowing the lawn, loading the dishwasher, vacuuming, and cleaning all the bathrooms.

9 Once the day of labor was over, Mikey sat down at the dinner table and asked his parents once again, "Now that I've shown you I can be responsible, may I have a dog?"

10 Mikey was so confident his parents' answer would be yes, but Mikey's mom and dad had to break the news to him.

11 It was going to take more than one day of chores to prove that he could be responsible enough for a pet.

12 Every Saturday after that, Mikey woke up at 7 a.m. to do anything his parents asked of him.

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13 He kept his room tidy, helped clean after dinner, and made sure he got straight As on his report card.

14 A whole month went by.

15 He was beginning to think that he would never get a dog no matter how hard he tried.

16 Mikey got home from school one day and went straight to his parents to ask what needed to be completed that day.

17 They sat him down at the dinner table and thanked him for all his hard work.

18 His dad said he needed to go to the store and asked Mikey to go with him.

19 Mikey sighed and slowly made his way to the car.

20 When he opened the door he saw a leash, collar, and two bowls sitting in his seat.

21 Mikey looked at his dad in shock.

22 He couldn't believe it!

23 Mikey was finally getting the dog he always wanted.

24 Mikey learned that you don't always get what you want without first putting in the work.

25 Although being responsible isn't always the fun thing to do, it pays off if you remain consistent.

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TEXTUAL EVIDENCE

1.Which sentence uses figurative language to show Mikey's determination?

2. Which sentence from the story BEST shows Mikey's conflict?

3. Part A: What does the word labor mean in "Mikey the Worker"?

A. Hunger

B. A Job

C. Work

D. Fun Times

Part B: Which sentence from the story helps the reader to answer Part A?

4. Which sentence shows that Mikey is frustrated?

5. Which sentences show that Mikey was surprised?

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