

Active readers mark up the text when they come across important ideas or other things they want to remember. Then, if they need to look back at what they read, their eyes will automatically go to the marked up areas. To mark up, you might underline, circle, or star. (Remember: only mark up your own books, not books belonging to the school or library.) Here's how one reader marked up the first few paragraphs of a story.

Response Notes

Example:

What a name!

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Good idea*

from ***A Mouse Called Wolf***

by Dick King-Smith

Wolfgang Amadeus Mouse was the youngest of thirteen children. He was also the smallest. His mother had given the other twelve mouse pups quite ordinary names, like Bill or Jane.

But when she looked at her last-born and saw that he was only half as big as his brothers and sisters, she said to herself, *He should have an important sounding name to make up for his lack of size. On second thought, he should have two important-sounding names. But what should they be?"

