



Evan Treski is people-smart. He is good at talking to people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand is math-smart - but not especially good at understanding people. She knows that feelings are her weakest subject. So when their lemonade war begins, there is no telling who will win - or if their fight will ever end. - *Sandpiper Books*



## BIG IDEAS To Reinforce



Sibling Rivalry, Revenge, Empathy, Forgiveness, Family

## Student-Friendly Learning Target



I can explain similes and use them to write my own. I can compare character's decisions and use them as an example of what I would do if in a similar situation.

## Build Background

Discuss rivalries and sibling relationships. Explain that they are pretty ordinary, but can sometimes become extreme like in this story where the main characters, Evan and Jessie, say and do some pretty mean things during their Lemonade War.

## Key Vocabulary

profit	pg 103-105
rivalry	pg 59
optimist	pg 33
miser	pg 63, 68

*Each chapter begins with a math related vocabulary word and dictionary entry*

## Discussion Starters



1. When Jessie is upset she rereads *Charlotte's Web*. What do you do to help calm yourself down and get your mind off of things?
2. Jessie has a hard time understanding how others feel. Look up empathy in the dictionary and define it. Explain how it relates to Jessie and give an example of when empathy is a problem for Jessie. Also, find some of the advice that Evan gives his sister in regards to other people. How empathetic are you? Who are you more empathetic with? How are empathy and encouragement (the E in NED) similar and different?
3. Is it fair for Evan to keep the profits that he and his friends made (pg 87)? Explain. Is it fair for Jessie to add Megan's share of the profits to her total since they are both donating it? Are these situations similar?

## Writing Prompt



**Explore Figurative Language** There are numerous similes in this story (pg 9, 22, 40, 61, 91, 126, 130, 135, 172). Locate and write down these similes. Identify and explain what is being compared. Write three sentences of your own that incorporate similes to make new comparisons. There are also idioms (e.g. pg 75, 142) and metaphors throughout the book that could be identified, explained and used as a model.

## Activities



**Cause and Effect** Detail the actions that Jessie and Evan each took with their lemonade stands and the effect it had on the war. When writing the actions of each character, use colour to represent the amount of revenge or anger involved. Think about a fire and how it starts with yellows, oranges, and moves to reds and even white. As the actions become more intense so should your colour scheme.

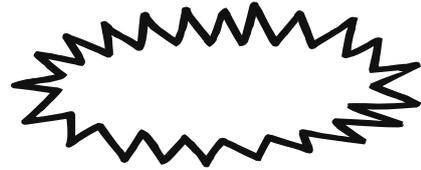
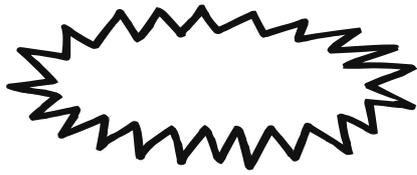


## More Resources

Accelerated Reading Quiz: 114227

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