Making Connections
Reading Comprehension Skills and Strategies
Book 4

Unit 1 Skill Focus: Sequencing
Unit 1 Theme: How is it Done?

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Scaffolding Level: MODELING
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Note: This Sample lesson contains the first 7 pages of the Comprehension Library reader Gulmaradak the Great. The complete text contains 32 pages.
**Skill Focus—Sequencing**

What sequence of events leads to a new nickname for Gulmamadak?
Long ago, in our village, there lived a man named Gulmamad. He was a grown-up man, but everyone called him Gulmamadak, which means “Little Gulmamad the Cute.”

This name annoyed Gulmamadak. “You have to call me Mister,” he told people. “I am a grown-up man.” But no one ever listened to him.

One day, his wife called out to him. “Gulmamadak! Come inside and eat.”

That did it! Gulmamadak stamped his foot and shouted. “I won’t stay here anymore! I’ll go off into the world and do great deeds! I won’t come back until everyone is ready to call me Mister! Pack me a lunch! And make sure to put a big cookie in there.”

So his wife packed him a lunch with a big cookie, and Gulmamadak set off. He wandered all day, looking for adventure. But when night fell, he could not see where he was going, so he had to stop.
Unfortunately, a terrible creature was roaming these parts, killing sheep at night. No one had seen the beast. No one knew what it looked like. People were frightened. They stayed inside after dark and locked their doors tight. The roads and fields were always empty at this hour.

Gulmamadak was not from the area, so he had not heard about the creature. He thought he was perfectly safe. He sat down under a mulberry tree and calmly opened up his bag of food. Since he was all alone, he decided to start by eating his cookie. He ate half of it and wisely put the rest away for breakfast. Then he stretched out his legs and fell asleep.

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Graphic Organizer and Questions

1. Why does Gulmamadak leave home at the beginning of the story? Why does he come home at the end?
2. Where is the first place Gulmamadak goes? Where does he go next? Where does he see the lion? At the end of the story, where does he end up? Copy and complete a chart like the one below.
3. What does Gulmamadak do to make the king think that he is brave?
4. Why does the grandmother describe the tupkah as scary?