

Possible Sources of Confusion (organized by double-page spread)	Fix-Up Options
Review the book covers and read the first paragraph on the book jacket.	<p>Study the illustration.</p> <p>Ask a new question: Whose red hat is on the grass?</p> <p>Ask a new question: How will these people meet?</p>
<p>First Voice</p> <p>Who is talking?</p> <p>Is there an unfamiliar word on this page?</p>	<p>Stop to think: The woman in the red hat is talking. She is the first voice. She is the boy’s mother.</p> <p>Ask someone for help: What does “pedigree” mean?</p>
<p>Is there an unfamiliar word on this page?</p> <p>Is there more information in the illustration?</p>	<p>Ask someone for help: What does “mongrel” mean?</p> <p>Reread: Compare “pedigree” with “mongrel.”</p> <p>Study the illustration: The dogs are playing. There is someone else on the bench.</p> <p>Read ahead.</p>
The woman in the red hat is afraid.	<p>Study the illustration: Look at the woman’s face and read her words. She is afraid of the man on the bench and afraid that Charles is lost.</p>
They are walking home in silence.	<p>Ask new questions: Why does the tree look like it’s on fire? What does the trail of leaves mean?</p> <p>Stop to think: Charles and Victoria are not happy to leave the park.</p>
<p>Second Voice</p> <p>Who is talking?</p>	<p>Stop to think: The man needed to get out of the house. He is the second voice.</p> <p>Stop to think and ask new questions: Who is Smudge? Is the man Smudge’s father?</p> <p>Study the illustration: There is a beggar dressed as Santa Claus.</p>
Not everything is “normal” at this park.	<p>Ask a new question: Who is flying with an umbrella?</p>
The man hopes to find a job.	<p>Study the illustration: When Smudge cheers up the man, his whole world looks different. Compare with the first illustration in the Second Voice.</p>

<p>Third Voice</p> <p>Who is talking?</p>	<p>Study the illustration: Notice the mother’s shadow on the boy and the tree shaped like the mother’s hat.</p> <p>Ask a new question: What is the illustrator saying in this image?</p> <p>Read ahead.</p>
<p>These kids are meeting in the park.</p>	<p>Study the illustration and ask a new question: Why are the two sides of the illustration different?</p> <p>Prediction: Charles will like Smudge, even though he thinks it’s unfortunate that she’s a girl.</p>
<p>The kids and the dogs are having a good time. Something is odd about this park.</p>	<p>Study the illustration and ask new questions: Is the statue the flying figure with the umbrella from a previous page?</p>
<p>Charles’s mother didn’t like him talking to Smudge.</p>	<p>Visualize: Imagine you’ve had a great day at the park playing with a new friend and then you have to go home. How do you feel?</p> <p>Ask a new question: Is there a connection between the print and the statue shooting the arrow?</p> <p>Prediction: Charles and Smudge will get to play together again.</p>
<p>Fourth Voice</p> <p>Who is talking?</p>	<p>Question answered: The man is Smudge’s dad.</p> <p>Ask someone for help: What is a “silly twit”?</p>
<p>The kids don’t especially like each other at first.</p>	<p>Reread: Charles was sorry Smudge was a girl. Smudge thought Charles was a wimp.</p>
<p>The kids and dogs had a good time.</p>	<p>Read ahead.</p>
<p>Charlie picked a flower for Smudge.</p>	<p>Study the illustration and ask new questions: Why did the illustrator paint a bright glow around Charlie and Smudge? Why are the tops of the gate columns shaped like the mother’s hat?</p>
<p>Smudge put the flower in a cup.</p>	<p>Study the illustration: Notice the dogs on the cup.</p>
	<p>Visualization and prediction: What will happen the next time Charlie, Victoria, Smudge, and Albert are at the park? Use all your senses to visualize it.</p>