

Handout 2

QAR Passage for Modeling

Once upon a time there was a piece of wood. It was not an expensive piece of wood. Far from it. Just a common block of firewood, one of those thick, solid logs that are put on the fire in winter to make cold rooms cozy and warm.

I do not know how this really happened, yet the fact remains that one day this piece of wood found itself in the shop of an old carpenter. His real name was Mister Antonio, but everyone called him Mister Cherry, for the tip of his nose was so round and red and shiny that it looked like a ripe cherry.

As soon as he saw the piece of wood, Mister Cherry was filled with joy. Rubbing his hands together happily, he mumbled to himself:

"This has come in the nick of time. I shall use it to make the leg of a table."

He grasped the hatchet quickly to peel off the bark and shape the wood. But as he was about to give it the first blow, he stood still with arm uplifted, for he had heard a wee, little voice say in a pleading tone: "Please be careful! Do not hit me so hard!"

QAR Questions for Modeling

Right There (RT), Think and Search (TS), Author and Me (AM), On My Own (MO)

- **Question 1** "Why was the carpenter called Mister Cherry?"

This is a Right There (RT) question because the words used in the question and answer are found in the same sentence in the text.

- **Question 2** "Describe the piece of wood found in the carpenter's shop."

This is a Think and Search (TS) question because the information for the answer comes from different places in the text.

- **Question 3** "How could a block of wood make a cold room warm?"

This is an Author and Me (AM) question because clues in the text must be combined with background knowledge in order to answer the question.

- **Question 4** "Do you think being a carpenter is an important job? Why or why not?"

This is an On My Own (MO) question because the description of the carpenter is not found in the text. You must draw on your own experience and knowledge to answer the question.