Chapter One

Listen to the chapter and follow along in your books. Then answer the following questions.

Part 1 Look for the vocabulary words: admonition, digress, reverie, mongrel, plaintively. Based on how they appear in the text what do they mean. Use **context clues** to figure out their meaning.

1. I had been left home by the family with the **admonition** to take care of the house until they returned.

2. But I **digress**. I was talking about that first night.

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3. In the midst of this **reverie**, I heard a car pull into the driveway.

4. Now, most people might call me a **mongrel**, but I have some pretty fancy bloodlines running through these veins and Russian wolfhound happens to be one of them.

5. Chester made a beeline for Mrs. Monroe and looked up at her **plaintively**.

Part 2: Reread this section of text and answer the questions.

"My friend Chester was curled up on the brown velvet armchair, which years ago he'd covered the whole seat with his cat hair, and I chuckled to myself, picturing the scene tomorrow. (Next to grasshoppers, there is nothing that frightens Chester more than the vacuum cleaner.)"

6. Based on this section alone, what is Chester?

7. What words does the author use to tell you what Chester is?

8. What stereotypes does the author use to help the reader know what Chester is?

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