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<p>CONTRASTS & CONTRADICTIONS</p> <p><i>A sharp contrast between what we would expect and what we observe the character doing; behavior contradicts previous behavior or well-established patterns. Also contrasts between characters or situations.</i></p>	<p>A character behaves or thinks in a way we don't expect, or an element of a setting is something we would not expect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why would the character act or feel this way?➤ How do the contrasts between characters help us understand them?➤ How might contrasts between situations help us predict plot or conflict?
<p>AGAIN & AGAIN</p> <p><i>Events, images, or particular words that recur over a portion of the text.</i></p>	<p>A word is repeated, sometimes used in an odd way, over and over in the text.</p> <p>An image reappears several times during the course of the text.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why might the author bring this up again and again?
<p>MEMORY MOMENT</p> <p><i>A recollection by a character that interrupts the forward progress of the story.</i></p>	<p>The ongoing flow of the narrative is interrupted by a memory that comes to the character, often taking several paragraphs to recount before we are returned to events of the present moment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why might this memory be important?



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<p>AHA MOMENT</p> <p><i>A character's realization of something that shifts their actions or understanding of themselves, others, or the world around them.</i></p>	<p>Phrases usually expressing suddenness, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Suddenly I understood...”▪ “It came to me in a flash that...”▪ “The realization hit me like a lightning bolt...”▪ “In an instant I knew...”	<p>➤ How might this change things?</p>
<p>TOUGH QUESTIONS</p> <p><i>Questions a character raises that reveal his/her inner struggles.</i></p>	<p>Phrases expressing serious doubt or confusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “What could I possibly do to...?”▪ “I couldn't imagine how I could cope with...”▪ “How could I ever understand why she...?”▪ Never had I been so confused about...”	<p>➤ What does this question make me wonder about?</p>
<p>WORDS OF THE WISER</p> <p><i>The advice or insight a wiser character—usually older—offers about life to the main character.</i></p>	<p>The main character and another are usually off by themselves in a quiet serious moment, and the wiser figure shares their wisdom or advice in an effort to help the main character with a problem or a decision.</p>	<p>➤ What the life lesson, and how might it affect the character?</p>