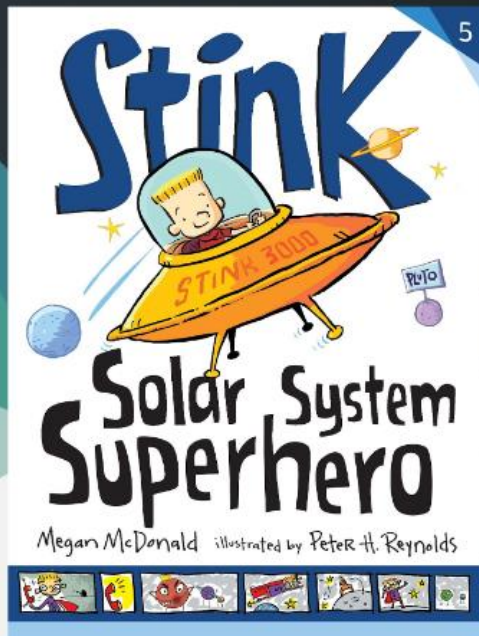


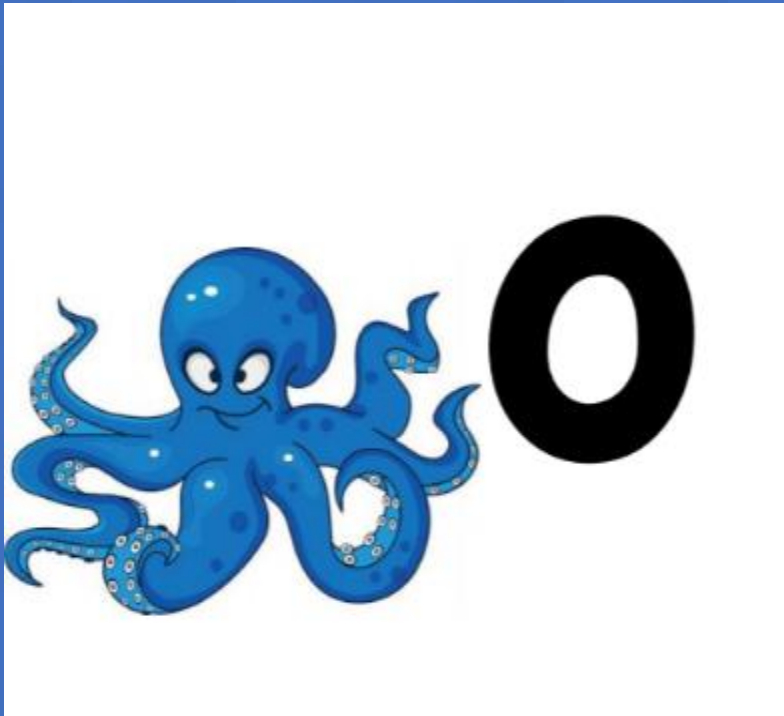
Teaching Point: Readers can use text evidence to describe character's traits, motivations and feelings and explain how their actions contribute to the development of the plot. In other words, Stink is **upset (feelings)** that Pluto is no longer considered a planet. **We know this because** of the multiple short phrases Stink uses to say that Pluto is no longer a planet. (evidence from the text)

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Stink is really **upset** that he flunked his test. He seems to exaggerate how Pluto is no longer identified as a planet. In one sentence Stink says, "...so they flunked it. Voted it off the island. Kicked it out of the solar system. Pluto is gonzo." The multiple phrases to show that Pluto is no longer considered a planet really emphasizes how upset Stink is feeling.

Teaching Point: Readers can identify closed syllable word patterns. Vowels are **closed in** by at least one **consonant**. Vowels have a short sound. Often these words follow a **CVC** pattern.



For Example:

n (consonant) o (vowel) t (consonant)

Notice how the vowel o is between two consonants: n and t.



Readers can identify **problem and solution**, **description**, and **question and answer** structures to locate information and gain meaning. In other words, knowing the structure of a text can help readers more closely read and attend to the text.

Question & Answer



The author begins with a question and then answers it.

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How to safely view a solar eclipse

A total solar eclipse is rare. It happens when the moon lines up between the sun and the Earth. For a brief moment, the moon blocks out the sun.

The next total solar eclipse will take place on August 21, 2017. Many people will get to see it. The eclipse will pass over North America. The last time most people in the U.S. got to see a total eclipse was 1918. The next time will not be until 2024. Here is a guide for the big event.

Solar Eclipse Safety Tips

It is not safe to look directly at the sun. This is true even if you are wearing sunglasses. Be sure to use a special viewer to watch the eclipse. Solar viewers will work. So will eclipse viewing glasses. If you do not have these, use a pinhole viewer.

The solar eclipse will pass across North America. Its path is called the path of totality. Places along the path will get to see a total solar eclipse. For a moment, the sun will be hidden. The sky will go dark. The path of totality goes through several states. They include Oregon, Nebraska, Missouri, Tennessee and South Carolina.

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A total solar eclipse. Photo from: NASA. Illustrations by: Carrie Lapolla, www.carrielapolla.com.