

# Annotating Text

Right margin – write questions  
and draw pictures

Number the paragraphs

## Accident Prone

Casey broke a vase.

① Casey knew he wasn't supposed to play basketball in the living room. So he just bounced the ball once. Well, twice. He was about to go outside when the ball hit a little vase on the end table. It crashed to the floor. It broke into about a million pieces.

Casey tries to hide the evidence.

② "I'll clean it up," he thought. "Maybe no one will notice." He looked outside. His mom was in the backyard, playing with his little brother.

③ He got a broom and dustpan from the kitchen. The broom missed some little pieces of the glass. So he used his hand to sweep the glass into the pan.

Casey is making the problem more obvious.

④ "Ouch!" His cut his finger. It began to bleed, right onto the white sofa.

⑤ He dropped the dustpan and ran to the bathroom. Little red drops trailed behind him. He filled the sink and ran warm water over the cut. He opened the cabinet. The bandages were on the top shelf. He went into his room to get a chair. It was piled high with junk. He went down the hall to get the kitchen ladder and realized he forgot to turn off the water. Just then, he heard the sounds of water flowing and the door opening.

Casey is making the problem worse by flooding the bathroom.

Circle Tricky Vocabulary

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Chunk the text

What has Casey broken before?

Is the vase a very special thing for his mom?

Why wasn't Casey just playing outside with his family? Was he already in trouble?

Left margin – summarize what the author is saying