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Opossum

# Three Big Questions

Before you read this week's cover story, review the chart on the left side of this page. Keep the questions in mind as you read. You can use the sentence starters to help you write two responses to each question. Be sure to record the number of the paragraph that inspired your thinking.



## What surprised me?

- I was surprised to find out ...
- I was shocked by ...
- I never thought ...
- I could not believe that ...
- The most surprising part of the article explains ...

## What surprised me?

- I was surprised to find that there was a hairless baby opossum instead of a hairless cat.  
(paragraph 2)
- I could not believe that the hairless baby opossum was most likely abandoned.  
(paragraph 3)



## What did the author think I already knew?

- The author thought I knew ...
- The writer assumed that ...
- The author expected readers to understand ...
- I did not know ...
- I was confused by ...

## What did the author think I already knew?

- That the article was about a hairless baby opossum and had a disease.  
(paragraph 3)
- I did not know that the baby opossums mother abandoned him.  
(paragraph 3)



## What challenged, changed, or confirmed my thinking?

- At first I thought ..., but now I ...
- I had to rethink ...
- My understanding changed when ...
- I was (right/wrong) about ...
- The article confirmed my thinking about ...

## What challenged, changed, or confirmed my thinking?

- At first I thought a baby opossum didn't have a tragic backstory but now I see that he did.  
(paragraph 3)
- I was right that it was a hairless baby opossum I was wrong about thinking he didn't have a tragic backstory.  
(paragraph     )