

Guided Practice

Read the following excerpt from *Fooled You!* Then complete the activities, using the Hints for help.

From "**Fooled You!**" page 105

Poe made his story believable by including the names of real people. Monck Mason, for example, had actually sailed a balloon from London to Germany in 1836. Poe copied the drawing and description of the craft from a pamphlet that described similar balloons. The details made it easy for readers to accept that ballooning's great goal had been reached. Neither they nor Poe knew that the east-to-west balloon crossing he described was all but impossible. The jet stream, the major upper-air current across the Atlantic, blows west to east. But the jet stream hadn't been discovered yet.

- 1** Read the underlined sentence. **Mark** the sentence with a D, R, or F to tell which idea it supports. Explain your answer.

HINT *Believable* means "able to be believed."

- 2** **Underline** and **mark** another detail that supports the same idea as in Item 1. Explain your answer.

HINT Did readers have all the information they needed to decide the accuracy of Poe's story?

- 3** Which sentence describes how people reacted to Poe's story? **Underline** it, and **mark** it with an R.

HINT What did readers believe had been accomplished?

Turn and Talk

Using the excerpt above, discuss how you chose what to underline and what to leave unmarked.