**Reading Skills and Strategies Worksheet**

**The Whale Rider**

**Chapters 14–21: Making Inferences About Characters**

When you put together all of the information you have about a character, you can **make inferences** that help you understand them better. To do this, combine details from the novel with ideas based on your own experiences. For example, you might compare Kahu’s feelings at her school assembly with your own experiences in school.

As you read chapters 14–21, connect the novel’s events with your own experiences to gain insight into the characters. Keep track of these inferences on the chart below.

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VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: UNDERSTANDING AND COMPLETING WORD ANALOGIES

Review the vocabulary words for these chapters: elation (p. 96), dehydrate (p. 104), psychic (p. 114), intertwined (p. 142), splendor (p. 147). Write an analogy that includes each vocabulary word. For example: EXHAUSTED: ENERGETIC:: disconnected : intertwined

GOING BEYOND THE NOVEL

How might Kahu preserve the Maori tradition of being one with nature yet accommodate the changes that come with progress and social pressures?