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## Generalize

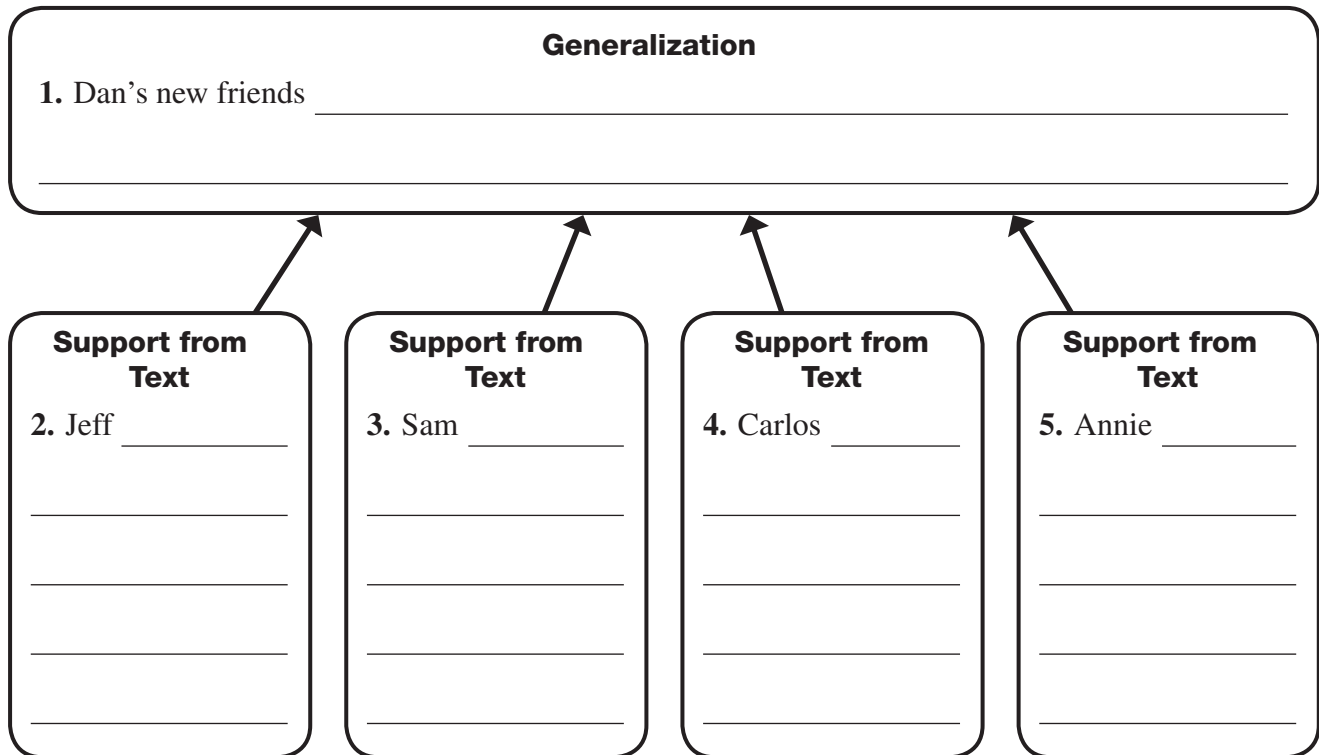
- To **generalize** is to make a broad statement or rule that applies to several examples.
- Active readers pay close attention to what authors tell them about story characters and make generalizations about those characters as they read.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

**D**an was amazed that he had made such great new friends at his new school. One was Jeff, who liked the same sports teams he did. Jeff also played on three sports teams himself. He even carried around a radio to make sure he didn't miss any sports scores. Other friends included Sam, who played in a band. He wrote song lyrics and liked the

same music Dan did. Dan met Carlos when they were both in the school play. Carlos wrote plays too. Annie, another new friend, made up the funniest jokes he'd ever heard. She would go up to kids she didn't even know and tell them jokes. That's how Dan had met her. He was glad he'd met all four of his new friends.

**Directions** Complete the diagram by making a generalization about Dan's new friends and including supporting details.



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**Home Activity** Your child read a short passage and made a generalization about the characters. Work with your child to make generalizations about characters in a story you read together.