

HANDOUT 3.4 B - LISTENING AND WRITING ACTIVITY

Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot

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Directions: You are going to listen to a story called *Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot*. Then you will answer some questions to show how well you understood what was read. You will listen to this story twice. As you listen to the story, you may use the space below for your notes. You may use these notes to answer the questions that follow.

Note: This is a true story of how a US pilot came to be known as Uncle Wiggly, the Chocolate Pilot, to the children living in Berlin, Germany, in 1948 after WWII.

Here are some definitions that you will need to know as you listen to the story:

- Liebchen- my little sweet one
- Frau - woman
- penned- wrote

1. The story takes place in Germany right after World War II has ended. The author does not mention this fact, yet as readers we know that this is the setting. How do we know this? Using the narration and illustrations, find details that help us understand that a war has just occurred. Then explain how they are the results/effects of a war.

Details	Result/Effect of War
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2. Explain why the children of Berlin called the pilot by the names, Uncle Wiggly and Chocolate Pilot?

3. Mercedes wrote a letter to the pilot. Rewrite the letter below. Be sure to include where she is, what the problem is, and what she would like him to do.

Dear Chocolate Pilot,

*Your friend,
Mercedes*

4. The Chocolate Pilot and Mercedes can be described as clever and determined. Choose either one of the words, traits, that you feel best describes both people. Use details from the story to help support your opinion. Be sure to include 2 specific facts about each person. Complete the graphic organizer for your prewriting step. Write your final essay on your own paper.

Character Trait:	Examples	
Chocolate Pilot	1)	2)
Mercedes	1)	2)