**Flashback** is an interruption in the present action of a story to tell about something that happened in the past—a jump back in time.

**Example:** I couldn’t believe I had been tricked! All of a sudden I remembered back to a summer long ago when My brother and I had gone to stay with our grandparents in the country...
**Flash-forward** is a jump in time. After a flashback, the author often flashes forward returning to the present time or a time in the future.

**Example:** Margaret angrily threw the toy locomotive, and although it missed her brother Samuel, a tiny piece of mama’s precious mantle clock disappeared. One dainty leg was gone.

Margaret tenderly touched the rough place where the missing leg had been. Carefully rewrapping the clock in its tissue, she laid it back into the old trunk as her grandchildren slammed the kitchen door. Someday she would share her memories with them.
Foreshadowing is when the author gives clues or hints about what might happen later on in a story.

Example: Nothing could go wrong on such a perfect day. Or so I, in my childlike innocence thought.
**TAKS QUESTION TIPS**

**MAKE SURE**
you support your answers with accurate information from the passage.

**WATCH OUT!**
* for details/information from the passage (completely or partially accurate) that do not answer the question
* Plausible (maybe even accurate) statements based on prior experience/learning, but not supported by information in the passage or not responsive to the question.
* inaccurate/contradictory information from the passage.
15. Paragraph 3 of this story is important because it
   A. helps readers understand Angela’s anxiety later during her program.  Correct Answer
   B. gives readers clues about who will win the championship.
      Plausible statement based on students’ prior experience, but not supported by information in the paragraph.
   C. shows readers the difference between Sandra’s and Angela’s abilities.
      Plausible statement, but not supported by information in the paragraph.
   D. informs readers how to do some figure-skating jumps.
      Plausible statement, but not supported by information in the paragraph.
TAKS STEM QUESTIONS

• In paragraph ____, what does the narrator mean when he says that he “____________”?  

• Paragraph ____ of this story is important because it --