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**TULSA PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**6th - 8th Grades**

# 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Literacy:** Read a fiction or nonfiction text for at least 20 minutes daily. Complete at least two activities each day.
- **Math:** Complete one of the recommended math activities each day.
- **English Language Development:** Complete approximately one activity every other day.

## **Multilingual Programs:**

### **Spanish Program**

- **Spanish Literacy:** Complete one or two Spanish language activities daily.

Complete other core activities listed above.

## 20 Questions for Self-Guided Response to Texts

adapted from <https://www.teachthought.com/literacy/19-reading-response-questions-self-guided-response/>

1. Why did you decide to read this text?
2. Compare and contrast this text or media with related text/media.
3. What is the author's purpose?
4. What can you tell me about the theme?
5. What is the author's position on relevant themes or issues?
6. Who is the audience for this text?
7. What is the overall tone of the work?
8. From what point of view does the author write?
9. What are the most relevant supporting details?
10. How is the book structured?
11. How would you describe the author's writing style?
12. Does the author have credibility to write about this topic? How do you know?
13. How is the plot, argument, or information organized?
14. What would you change?
15. Index the characters: tell who they are and how they change over time.
16. With which characters did you connect and why?
17. What are the motivations of the main characters?
18. Which chapter or section is most important and why?
19. Using evidence from the text, how would you convince someone else to read this?
20. For more than one text: How are these texts connected to each other and what makes those connections important?

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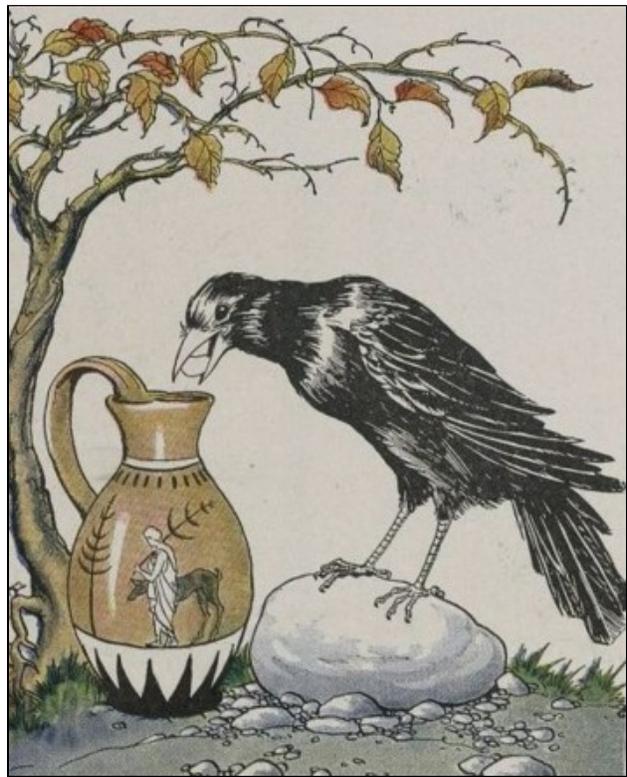
## The Crow and the Pitcher

By Aesop  
620-560 BCE

*Aesop was a storyteller who lived in ancient Greece between 620 and 560 BCE. This story is part of his collection of tales known as "Aesop's Fables," which did not survive in writing but were passed down by people retelling them. They have deeply influenced children's literature and modern storytelling culture. As you read, take notes on the conflict the crow faces and how he solves his problem. Think about the lesson the author is trying to teach the reader.*

- [1] In a spell of dry weather, when the Birds could find very little to drink, a thirsty Crow found a pitcher<sup>1</sup> with a little water in it. But the pitcher was high and had a narrow neck,<sup>2</sup> and no matter how he tried, the Crow could not reach the water. The poor thing felt as if he must die of thirst.

Then an idea came to him. Picking up some small pebbles, he dropped them into the pitcher one by one. With each pebble the water rose a little higher until at last it was near enough so he could drink.



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1. a container used to hold and pour liquids
2. The "neck" refers to a thin part of an object.

## Text-Dependent Questions

**Directions:** For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

1. PART A: What does the word “spell” mean as it is used in paragraph 1?
  - A. a saying with magical powers
  - B. a type of weather
  - C. a period of time
  - D. a land needing water
  
2. PART B: Which phrase from paragraph 1 provides the best support for your answer to Part A?
  - A. “a thirsty crow”
  - B. “when the birds could find very little”
  - C. “a little water in it”
  - D. “found a pitcher”
  
3. What does the information in paragraph 2 reveal about the crow?
  - A. He is not able to solve a problem.
  - B. He is resourceful and clever.
  - C. He is extremely strong.
  - D. He knows when to ask for help.
  
4. How does paragraph 2 contribute to the story’s resolution?
  - A. After not being able to find anything to drink, the crow decides to ask for help.
  - B. After having lots of water, the crow now can’t find any.
  - C. After struggling to get the water from the pitcher, the crow finds a solution.
  - D. After not being able to get water from the pitcher, the crow decides to look in a new place.
  
5. Explain the theme or lesson of the story. Use evidence from the story to support your answer.

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## The Phoenix Bird

By Hans Christian Andersen  
1850

*Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was a Danish author, best known for his fairy tales. In this short story, a narrator describes the birth and power of a mystical bird called the Phoenix. As you read, take notes on what the Phoenix represents.*

[1] In the Garden of Paradise,<sup>1</sup> beneath the Tree of Knowledge, bloomed a rose bush. Here, in the first rose, a bird was born. His flight was like the flashing of light, his plumage<sup>2</sup> was beautiful,<sup>3</sup> and his song ravishing.<sup>4</sup> But when Eve plucked the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, when she and Adam were driven from Paradise, there fell from the flaming sword of the cherub<sup>5</sup> a spark into the nest of the bird, which blazed up forthwith. The bird perished in the flames; but from the red egg in the nest there fluttered aloft a new one — the one solitary Phoenix bird. The fable tells that he dwells in Arabia, and that every hundred years, he burns himself to death in his nest; but each time a new Phoenix, the only one in the world, rises up from the red egg.



*"Phoenix-Fabelwesen" by Friedrich Johann Justin Bertuch (1747-1822) is in the public domain.*

The bird flutters round us, swift as light, beautiful in color, charming in song. When a mother sits by her infant's cradle, he stands on the pillow, and, with his wings, forms a glory around the infant's head. He flies through the chamber of content, and brings sunshine into it, and the violets on the humble table smell doubly sweet.

But the Phoenix is not the bird of Arabia alone. He wings his way in the glimmer of the Northern Lights over the plains of Lapland, and hops among the yellow flowers in the short Greenland summer. Beneath the copper mountains of Fablun, and England's coal mines, he flies, in the shape of a dusty moth, over the hymnbook that rests on the knees of the pious<sup>6</sup> miner. On a lotus leaf he floats down the sacred waters of the Ganges, and the eye of the Hindoo<sup>7</sup> maid gleams bright when she beholds him.

1. The Garden of Paradise, also known as the Garden of Eden, is a biblical garden. According to the Bible, the first man and woman created by God, Adam and Eve, resided there.
2. feathers of a bird
3. beautiful
4. **Ravishing (adjective):** delightful; entrancing
5. a type of angel that is usually represented in art as a young child
6. deeply religious
7. a person, especially of northern India, who follows Hinduism

The Phoenix bird, dost thou not know him? The Bird of Paradise, the holy swan of song! On the car of Thespis<sup>8</sup> he sat in the guise<sup>9</sup> of a chattering raven, and flapped his black wings, smeared with the lees of wine;<sup>10</sup> over the sounding harp of Iceland swept the swan's red beak; on Shakespeare's shoulder he sat in the guise of Odin's raven,<sup>11</sup> and whispered in the poet's ear "Immortality!" and at the minstrels'<sup>12</sup> feast he fluttered through the halls of the Wartburg.

- [5] The Phoenix bird, dost thou not know him? He sang to thee the Marseillaise,<sup>13</sup> and thou kissedst the pen that fell from his wing; he came in the radiance of Paradise, and perchance thou didst turn away from him towards the sparrow who sat with tinsel on his wings.

The Bird of Paradise — renewed each century — born in flame, ending in flame! Thy picture, in a golden frame, hangs in the halls of the rich, but thou thyself often fliest around, lonely and disregarded, a myth — "The Phoenix of Arabia."

In Paradise, when thou wert born in the first rose, beneath the Tree of Knowledge, thou receivedst a kiss, and thy right name was given thee — thy name, Poetry.

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8. believed to be the first actor in Greek drama, and considered the inventor of tragedy  
9. an outwards appearance, typically concealing the true nature of something  
10. the sediment of wine  
11. Odin is a god in mythology who is brought information by his ravens.  
12. a medieval entertainer  
13. the national anthem of France

## Text-Dependent Questions

**Directions:** For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

1. PART A: Which statement best expresses the theme of the text?
  - A. The Phoenix's great power and ability to be reborn after death intrigues people.
  - B. The Phoenix was God's gift to man after casting him out of Paradise.
  - C. The Phoenix's influence is only felt by a select few deemed worthy.
  - D. The Phoenix is an example of the magic humans were denied when exiled from Paradise.
  
2. PART B: Which quote from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
  - A. "In the Garden of Paradise, beneath the Tree of Knowledge, bloomed a rose bush. Here, in the first rose, a bird was born." (Paragraph 1)
  - B. "When a mother sits by her infant's cradle, he stands on the pillow, and, with his wings, forms a glory around the infant's head." (Paragraph 2)
  - C. "Beneath the copper mountains of Fablun, and England's coal mines, he flies, in the shape of a dusty moth, over the hymnbook that rests on the knees of the pious miner." (Paragraph 3)
  - D. "The Bird of Paradise — renewed each century — born in flame, ending in flame! Thy picture, in a golden frame, hangs in the halls of the rich" (Paragraph 6)
  
3. How does paragraph 3 contribute to the development of the text's theme?
  - A. It emphasizes how widespread the Phoenix's influence is.
  - B. It shows that the Phoenix doesn't tend to interact with people.
  - C. It proves that the Phoenix favors people who are religious.
  - D. It illustrates that the Phoenix is not a myth, but a real creature.
  
4. Why does the narrator use a metaphor comparing the Phoenix to poetry in Paragraph 7?  

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# 6.EE Exponent Experimentation 2

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# 6.RP Equivalent Ratios and Unit Rates

Alignments to Content Standards: 6.RP.A.2

## Task

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Number of bottles	Cost (\$)	Cost per bottle
2	5	
4		
6		
8		

**5 granola bars cost \$4.00**

b. Fill in the table that shows the costs for 10, 15, and 20 granola bars. Find the cost for a single granola bar in each case.

Number of granola bars	Cost (\$)	Cost per bar
5	4	
10		
15		
20		

c. Explain why if you can buy  $a$  items for  $b$  dollars, or buy  $2a$  items for  $2b$  dollars, the cost per item is the same in either case.

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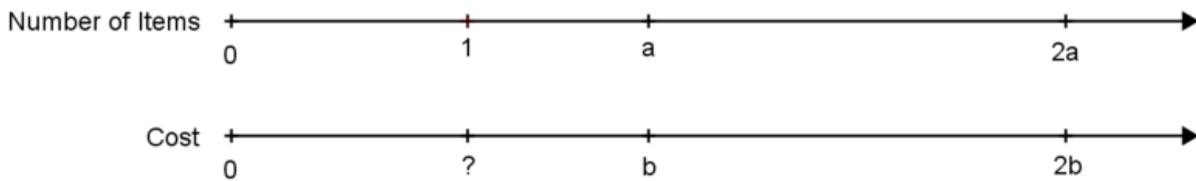
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<b>containers</b>	7	1.75	31.5
<b>gallons</b>	4	1	18

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reasoning MP8. It may be helpful to visualize this by placing  $a : b$  and  $2a : 2b$  on the same number line, and reasoning about the location  $1 : ?$ , as shown below.



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## Solution

Number of bottles	Cost (\$)	Cost per bottle
2	5	2.50
4	10	2.50
6	15	2.50
8	20	2.50

Number of granola bars	Cost (\$)	Cost per bar
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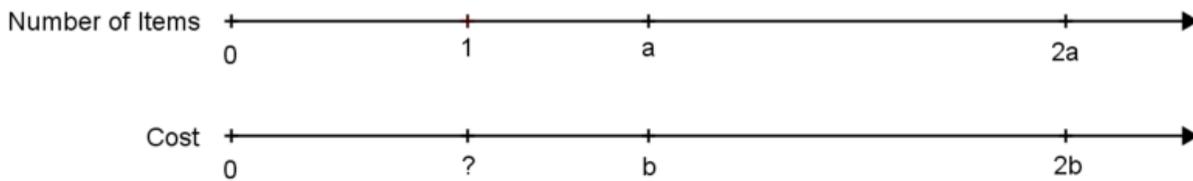
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20	16	0.80

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## **Gym Membership Plans**

### **Task**

In January, Georgia signed up for a membership at Anytime Fitness. The plan she chose cost \$95 in start-up fees and then \$20 per month starting in February. Edwin also signed up at Anytime Fitness in January. His plan cost \$35 per month starting in February, and his start-up fees were waived.

- a. Create tables for both Georgia and Edwin that compare the number of months since January to the total cost of their gym memberships. Continue this table for one year.
- b. Plot the points from the two tables in part (a) on a coordinate plane.
- c. Decide if either or both gym memberships are described by a proportional relationship, and write an equation representing any such relationship. Explain how parts (a) and (b) could be used to support your answer.

### **IM Commentary**

In this task, students are presented with two situations in a single context and asked which one represents a proportional relationship. Students are asked to understand this proportional relationship from a variety of perspectives -- a table, a graph, a verbal context, and an equation. As such, this task might be used as a synthesis of these various perspectives that one learns about when studying proportional relationships. Alternatively, it could be used as an introduction to the various ways one might be presented with a proportional relationship. In this case, instructors should be prepared for students who may not be familiar with using one of the perspectives (in particular, tables of values).

## Solution

a. The table for Georgia's gym membership cost for 12 months is below:

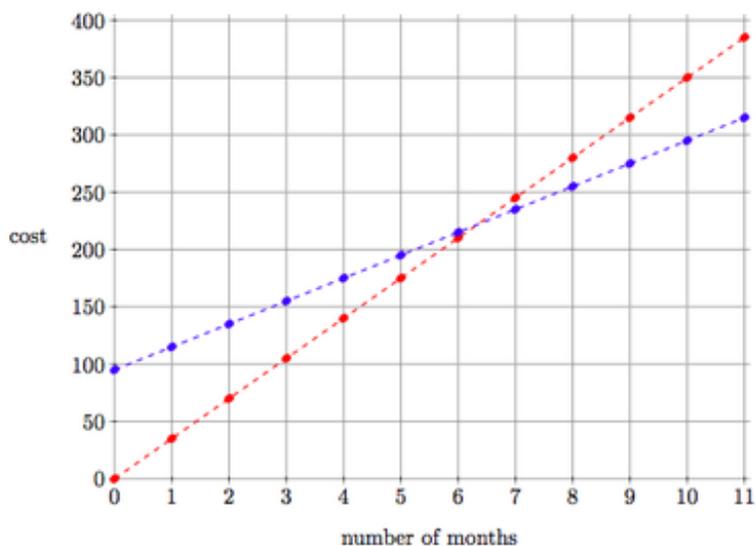
number of months since January	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
total cost of Georgia's gym membership	95	115	135	155	175	195	215	235	255	275	295	315

The table for Edwin's gym membership cost for 12 months is below:

number of months since January	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
total cost of Edwin's gym membership	0	35	70	105	140	175	210	245	280	315	350	385

b. We plot the points from the two tables in part (a) on the coordinate axes below, where number of months since January is on the horizontal axis and the total cost is on the vertical axis. The red dashed line contains Edwin's table of values and the blue dashed line contains the values from Georgia's table.

Note that we are connecting the plotted points with a dashed line only to better see the general trend. Since this is actually discrete data a solid line would not be a suitable representation.



c. Georgia's plan does not represent a proportional relationship, and Edwin's plan does represent a proportional relationship. That Edwin's plan is proportional can be seen from the table by observing that whenever we multiply the number of months by a constant, the total cost multiplies by that same constant -- for example, doubling the number of months from 3 to 6 has the effect of doubling the cost from \$105 to \$210. This does not hold true for Georgia's plan, as can be seen by similarly doubling.

We could also see this from our response to part (b). Proportional relationships can be visualized graphically as being described by lines that go through the origin. Since Edwin's line (in red above) does go through the origin, it describes a proportional relationship, and likewise, Georgia's does not.

Finally, we find an equation to describe Edwin's plan. Since his relationship is proportional, every one month that passes will cost him \$35. So after  $n$  months, he will have paid \$35 dollars  $n$  times, for a total cost of  $\$35n$  dollars. Thus the total cost  $c$  of Edwin's plan is related to the number of months passed by the equation  $c = 35n$ .



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## Art Class, Assessment Variation

### Task

The students in Ms. Baca's art class were mixing yellow and blue paint. She told them that two mixtures will be the same shade of green if the blue and yellow paint are in the same ratio.

The table below shows the different mixtures of paint that the students made.

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Amount of Blue Paint (cups)	0.75	2	3	3	4.5

- a. How many different shades of paint did the students make?
- b. Which mixture(s) make the same shade as mixture A?
- c. How many cups of yellow paint would a student add to one cup of blue paint to make a mixture that is the same shade as mixture A?
- d. Let  $b$  represent the number of cups of blue paint and  $y$  represent the number of cups of yellow paint in a paint mixture. Write an equation that shows the relationship between the number of cups of yellow paint,  $y$ , and the number of cups of blue paint,

$b$ , in mixture E.

## Solution

- a. The students made **2** different shades of paint.
- b. Mixtures **D** and **E** make the same shade as mixture A.
- c. A student should add  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup of yellow paint to 1 cup of blue paint to make the same shade as mixture A.
- d. Either of these equations would be correct:
- $b = \frac{3}{2}y$  (or  $\frac{3}{2}y = b$  if this is a fill-in-the-blank)
  - $y = \frac{2}{3}b$  (or  $\frac{2}{3}b = y$  if this is a fill-in-the-blank)



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## Who Has the Best Job?

### Task

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Time worked	1.5 hours	2.5 hours	4 hours
Money earned	\$12.60	\$21.00	\$33.60

Mariko has a job mowing lawns that pays \$7 per hour.

- Who would make more money for working 10 hours? Explain or show work.
- Draw a graph that represents  $y$ , the amount of money Kell would make for working  $x$  hours, assuming he made the same hourly rate he was making last week.
- Using the same coordinate axes, draw a graph that represents  $y$ , the amount of money Mariko would make for working  $x$  hours.
- How can you see who makes more per hour just by looking at the graphs? Explain.

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## Solution

a. Mariko would make  $7 \times 10 = 70$  dollars for working 10 hours. Kell's hourly rate can be found by dividing the money earned by the hours worked each day.

Time worked	1.5 hours	2.5 hours	4 hours
Money earned	\$12.60	\$21.00	\$33.60
Pay rate	\$8.40 per hour	\$8.40 per hour	\$8.40 per hour

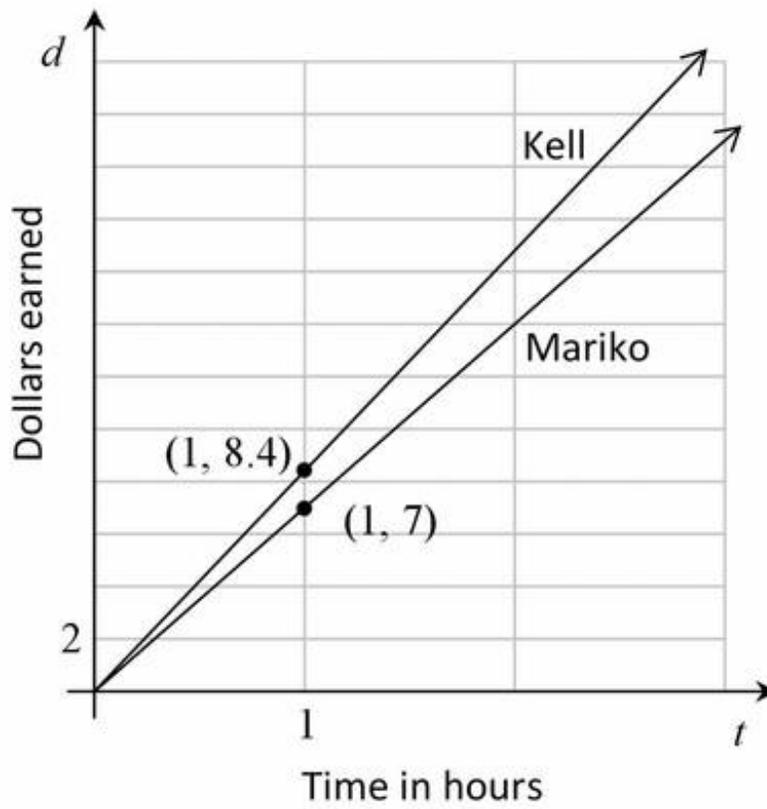
If Kell works for 10 hours at this same rate, he will earn  $8.4 \times 10 = 84$  dollars. So Kell will earn more money for working 10 hours.

Alternatively, we could reason proportionally without computing the unit rate. Since Mariko earned \$21.00 for 2.5 hours, she will earn four times as much for working four times as long ( $10 = 4 \times 2.5$ ), for a total of  $4 \times \$21 = \$84$ .

b. See the figure below.

c. See the figure below.

d. You can see that Kell will make more per hour if you look at the points on the graph where  $x = 1$  since this will tell you how much money each person will make for working 1 hour. You can also compare the slopes of the two graphs, which are equal to the hourly rates. See the figure below.



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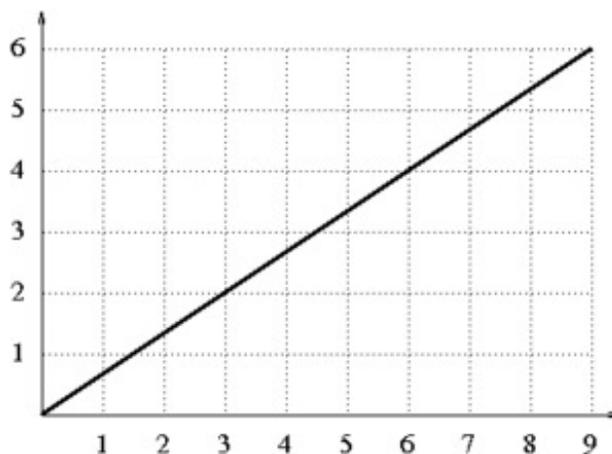
## Slopes Between Points on a Line

### Task

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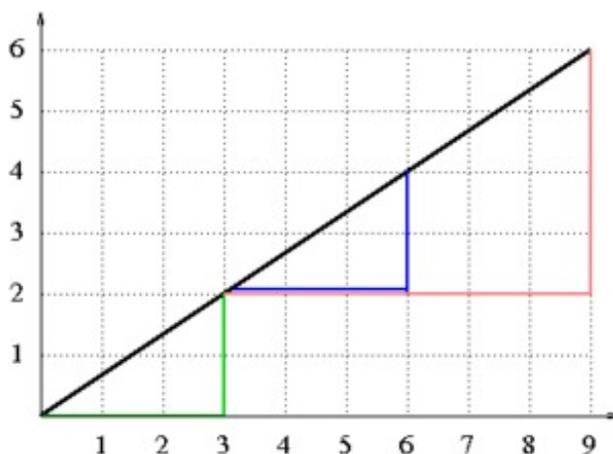
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## IM Commentary

The "change in  $y$  divided by the change in  $x$ " can be computed for any two points in the plane. Many people who understand and use slope take for granted the fact that the slopes between any two points on a particular line will always be equal--most of us just learned it as a fact. The purpose of this task is to help students understand *why* the calculated slope will be the same for any two points on a given line. This is the first step in understanding and explaining why it will work for any line (not just the line shown).

In 8th grade, students describe the effect that dilations have on a figure (see 8.G.A.3). They also learn that if one triangle can be obtained from another by a series of translations and dilations, then they are similar (see 8.G.A.4). Putting these two pieces of information together, they can argue that for any two points on a line, the "slope triangles" (like the ones shown in the figure in the task statement) have to be similar, and as a result the lengths of the sides of the triangles will be proportional. This is why

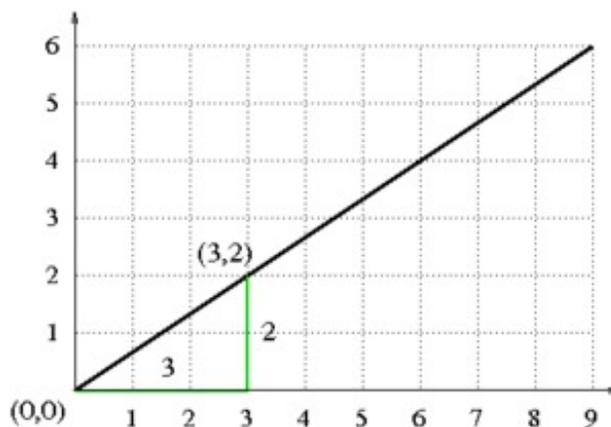
the slope between any two points on a particular line will always be equal, and why we talk about "the" slope of a line.

This instructional task is intended to be used in a class discussion. Students can work on parts (a) and (b) independently or in small groups. Then the class could discuss their answers and discuss part (c). Students should be given a chance to try to construct the argument for part (c) on their own, although some may struggle with this. It is important that there is a whole-class discussion of this part so that everyone understands the argument in the end.

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## Solution

a. Eva is using the green triangle, since two of the vertices of the triangle are at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(3, 2)$ . She will next find the length of each leg in the right triangle. The horizontal leg length is the difference between the  $x$ -coordinates, which is 3. The vertical leg length is the difference between the  $y$ -coordinates, which is 2. So the line rises by 2 units for every horizontal increase of 3 units. Therefore the slope is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

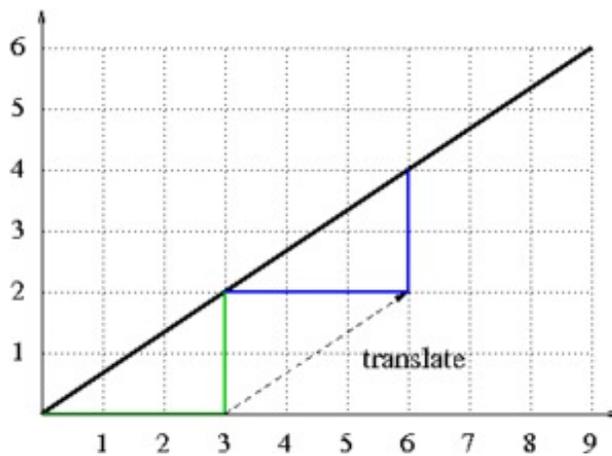


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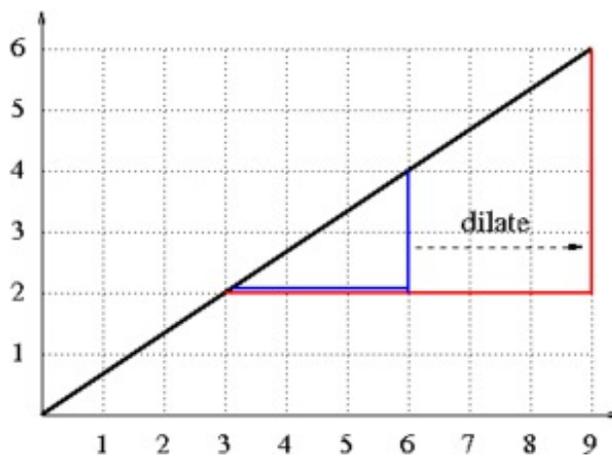
Maria is using the red triangle, since two of the vertices of the triangle are at  $(3, 2)$  and

(9, 6). She will next find the length of each leg in the right triangle. The horizontal leg length is the difference between the  $x$ -coordinates, which is 6. The vertical leg length is the difference between the  $y$ -coordinates, which is 4. So the line rises by 4 units for every horizontal increase of 6 units. Therefore, the slope is  $\frac{4}{6}$ .

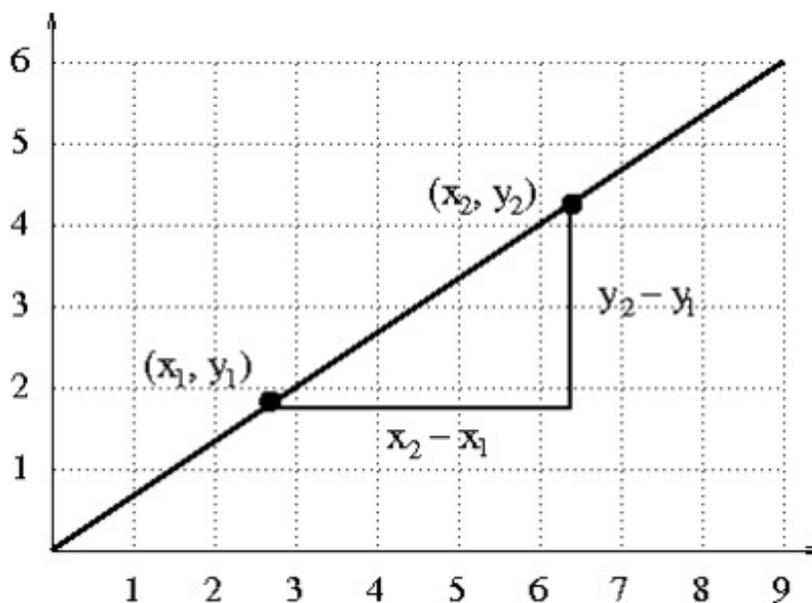
b. To compute the slope between two points, we are computing the quotient of the lengths of the legs in a right triangle. We can see that the blue and the green triangles are congruent since we can translate the green triangle along the line until it lines up with the blue triangle. Therefore, the quotient of the lengths of the legs must be the same.



The red triangle is not congruent to the blue triangle but it is similar to it. We can dilate the blue triangle by a factor of 2 to line it up with the red triangle. The sides in similar triangles also have the same proportion. Therefore, the quotient of the lengths of the legs of the two triangles must be the same.



c. Parts (a) and (b) suggest the following picture:

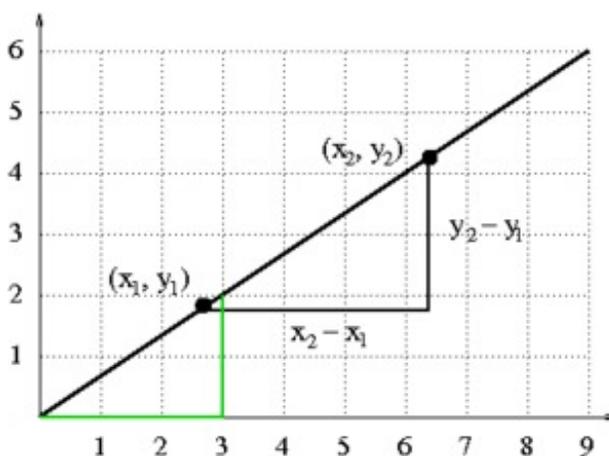


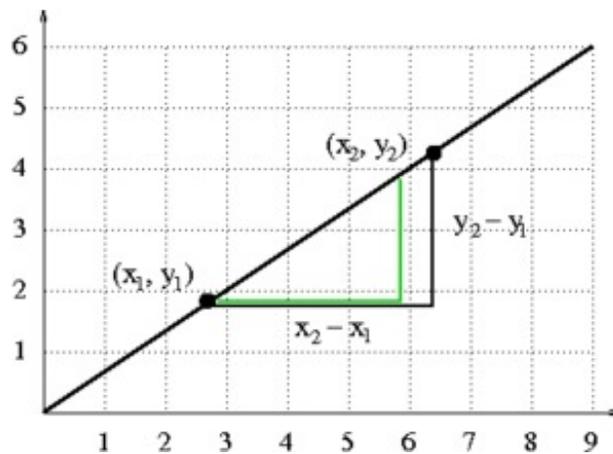
The lengths of the vertical leg of this triangle is  $y_2 - y_1$ , and the length of the horizontal leg is  $x_2 - x_1$ .

The slope between these two points is the quotient of these two lengths:  $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ .

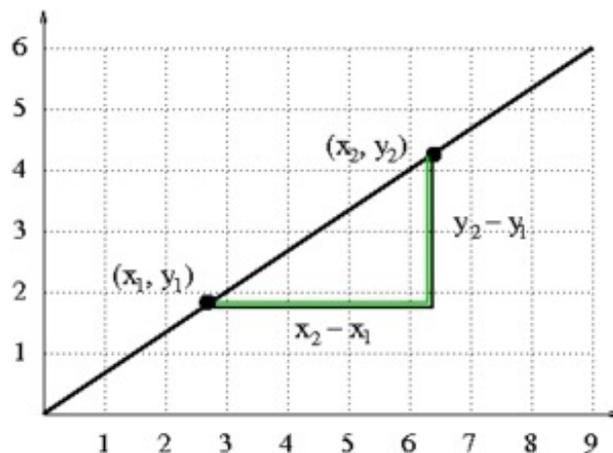
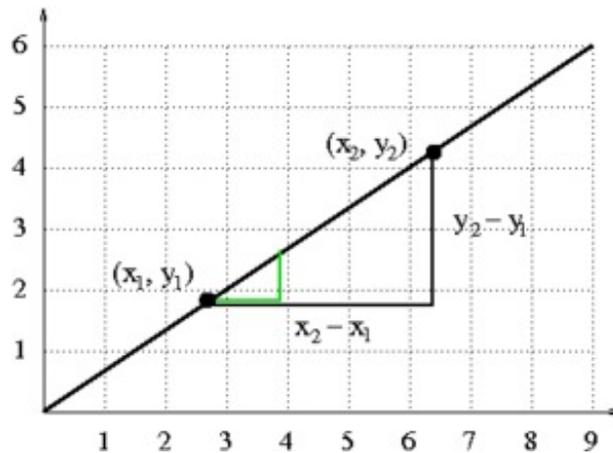
This slope should be the same as the slope obtained by Eva because her green triangle is similar to the triangle we drew above. To see this,

- First, translate Eva's triangle  $x_1$  units to the right and  $y_1$  units up. Now the two triangles share a vertex.





- Next, dilate Eva's triangle by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$  (so the horizontal leg has a length of 1) and then by a factor of  $x_2 - x_1$  (so the horizontal leg has a length of  $x_2 - x_1$ ). Use the common vertex as the center of the dilation.



Because angles are preserved by translations and dilations, this shows that Eva's triangle and our triangle are similar and that the legs are proportional. So

$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

and the slope is the same no matter which two points on this line we choose to compute with.



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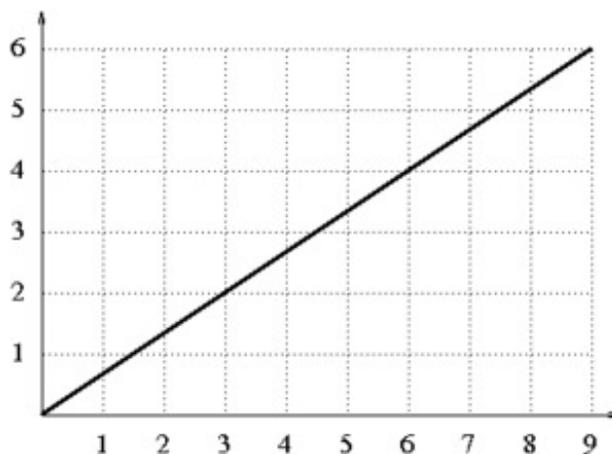
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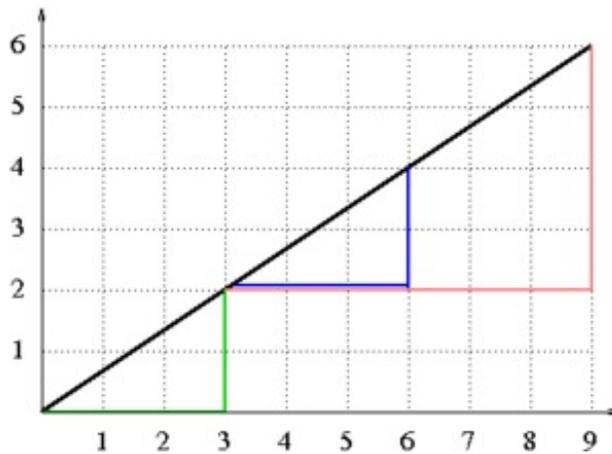
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For these tasks the term teacher refers the person working with the student.

## Stuffing Envelopes

### Task

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- Draw graphs and write equations that show the earnings,  $y$  as functions of the number of envelopes stuffed,  $n$  for Anna and Jason.
- Who makes more from stuffing the same number of envelopes? How can you tell this from the graph?
- Suppose Anna has savings of \$100 at the beginning of the summer and she saves all her earnings from her job. Graph her savings as a function of the number of envelopes she stuffed,  $n$ . How does this graph compare to her previous earnings graph? What is the meaning of the slope in each case?

### IM Commentary

Students learn about proportional relationships and explore them through tables, graphs, and equations in 6th and 7th grade. A proportional relationship can be thought of as a linear relationship whose graph goes through the origin. Students make the step from proportional relationships in particular to linear functions in general in 8th grade. As part of this transition, students should recognize the slope of a line through the origin as the unit rate for that proportional relationship. From there they learn that the slope of any line can be interpreted as the *rate of change* of the corresponding linear relationship.

This task provides students with an opportunity to take the step from unit rates in a proportional relationship to the rate of change of a linear relationship. Students should already be familiar with proportional relationships from their work in prior grades. In part (b) they are asked to examine the graphs more closely and verbalize how they are different, and how this difference reflects the situation (this is work they have already done; see 7.RP.2).

If the teacher wishes to use this task to introduce slope, it would be appropriate to formally define the concept of slope after students have worked on part (b) of the task. The teacher should note that the students are already familiar with the connection between the slope and the constant of proportionality in a proportional relationship. Next, the teacher can extend the idea of slope to any line defined by an equation of the form  $y = mx + b$ . (Note that showing that the slope of a line is well-defined requires a geometric argument that is not addressed by this task; see 8.EE.6.) This is accomplished in the task by extending the example of Anna's summer earnings to her summer savings. It is easy to see that the line that represents her savings as a function of the number of envelopes she stuffs will have the same slope as the previous earnings line; the difference will be in the interpretation of the slope. For her earnings, she will make 3.5 cents for every envelope she stuffs, but for her savings, she will save an *additional* 3.5 cents for every *additional* envelope she stuffs. This subtle difference in the interpretation of the slope signals the difference between a proportional relationship and a relationship that is not proportional but *changes* proportionally.

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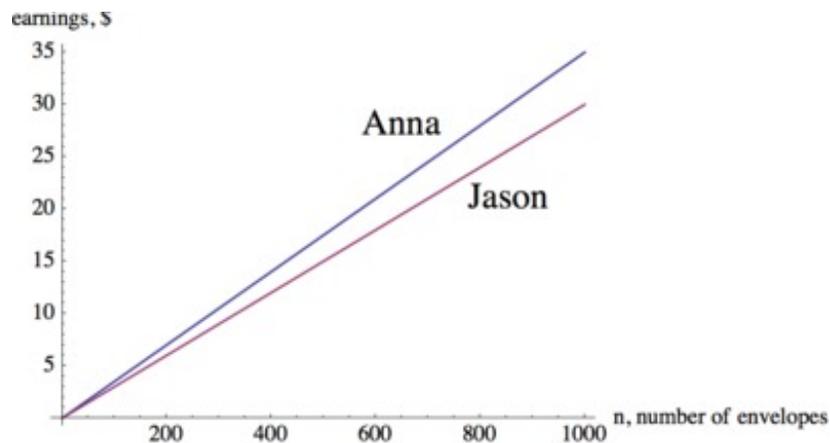
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a. The amount of money earned,  $y$ , and the number of envelopes stuffed,  $n$ , are proportional to each other. Since Anna earns \$14 for 400 envelope, she makes  $\frac{14}{400} = 0.035$  dollars per envelope. Therefore, we have  $y = 0.035n$  for Anna's equation.

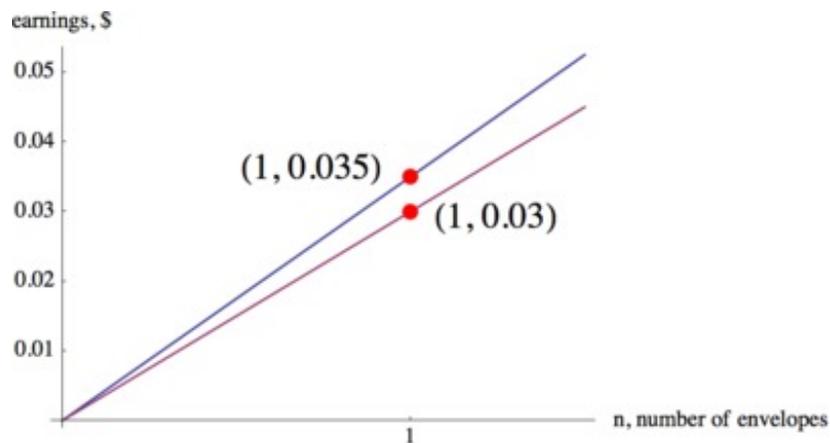
Jason earns \$9 for every 300 envelopes he stuffs, so he makes  $\frac{9}{300} = 0.03$  dollars per envelope. So we have  $y = 0.03n$  for Jason's equation.

Since Anna's equation has a larger unit rate, 0.035 dollars per envelope vs. 0.03 dollars per envelope for Jason, she has the higher paying job.

The graphs of the equations are shown below.



b. We know that we can find the unit rate of proportional relationships by finding the point on the line with horizontal coordinate 1, as shown in the graph below.



For every envelope they stuff, Anna makes half a cent more than Jason. Since Anna makes more money per envelope, her earnings increase faster than Jason's. Therefore, her earnings line is steeper than Jason's.

c. Anna still earns money at the same rate as before, but now her earnings are added to her savings of \$100. The graph showing her total savings, including the money she earns, is still linear but it has a higher starting value. The new line is parallel to the previous earnings line but while the previous line went through the point  $(0, 0)$ , the new line starts at the point  $(0, 100)$ . This shows that when she starts working she already has \$100 in savings.



For her earnings graph, we see that she will make \$0.035 for every envelope she stuffs, but for her savings, she will save an *additional* \$0.035 for every *additional* envelope she stuffs.



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### At Home Activities and Resources for Families (English Language Development)

Greetings dear parent/guardian. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. The resources provided in this packet will provide your child with additional opportunities to practice English language development skills through different vocabulary, grammar, and reading skills.

Each packet has stories to read in English with questions and vocabulary activities. You do not need to print any activities as responses can be written on a separate sheet of paper.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm and willingness to do activities with your child at home.

### Actividades en el hogar y recursos para familias (Desarrollo del idioma inglés)

Saludos querido padre/tutor. Gracias por apoyar el aprendizaje de su hijo en casa. Los recursos en este paquete le brindarán a su hijo oportunidades para practicar su desarrollo del inglés a través de diferentes actividades de vocabulario, gramática y lectura.

Cada paquete tiene historias para leer en inglés con preguntas y actividades de vocabulario. No necesita imprimir ninguna actividad, ya que las respuestas pueden escribirse en una hoja de papel por separado.

Gracias nuevamente por su entusiasmo en completar las actividades con su hijo en casa.

# Familiar Places

By Elizabeth Boylan

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# Learn Key Vocabulary

**Study the Words** Use the steps below.

1. Pronounce the word. Say it aloud several times. Spell it.
2. Rate your word knowledge.
3. Study the example. Tell more about the word.
4. Practice it. Make the word your own.

## Rating Scale

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## Key Words

### agree (u-grē) verb

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When you **agree** with someone, you have the same ideas. A handshake shows that people **agree** to something.  
**Antonym:** disagree

### community (ku-myū-nu-tē) noun

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A **community** is a place where people live, work, and carry out their daily lives. This **community** has an outdoor market.  
**Synonyms:** neighborhood, town

### familiar (fu-mil-yū) adjective

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Something that is **familiar** is already known. The man was happy to see a **familiar** face at the party.  
**Antonym:** unfamiliar

### festival (fes-tu-vū) noun

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A **festival** is a special event or party. Dancers perform at the **festival**.  
**Synonyms:** celebration, fiesta

### native (nā-tiv) adjective

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Something that belongs to you because of where you were born is **native** to you. People wave flags from their **native** countries.

### neighborhood (nā-bur-hood) noun

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A **neighborhood** is a place where people live and work together. This **neighborhood** is in Boston.  
**Synonym:** community

### population (pah-pyu-lā-shun) noun

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**Population** means the number of people who live somewhere. Many people live in New York City. It has a large **population**.

### tradition (tru-di-shun) noun

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A **tradition** is an activity or belief that people share for many years. It is a **tradition** for this family to celebrate Kwanzaa every December.  
**Synonym:** custom

**Practice the Words** Work with a partner. Write a question using one or two Key Words. Answer your partner's question. Use at least one Key Word in your answer. Take turns until you have used all the Key Words twice.

Questions	Answers
Do you have any traditions in your community?	Yes, we have a festival every spring.

▼ Chinatown in New York City is home to many people who moved to the United States from China.

### Expository Nonfiction

Expository nonfiction gives information and facts. Usually, the text is divided into sections. A heading tells the topic, or what the section is about. The text that follows includes a main idea that tells more about the topic.

As you read, synthesize by putting **ideas** and **information** together from different sections of the text to form new ideas. You can make inferences by combining information you learn in each section with what you already know.

#### Look Into the Text

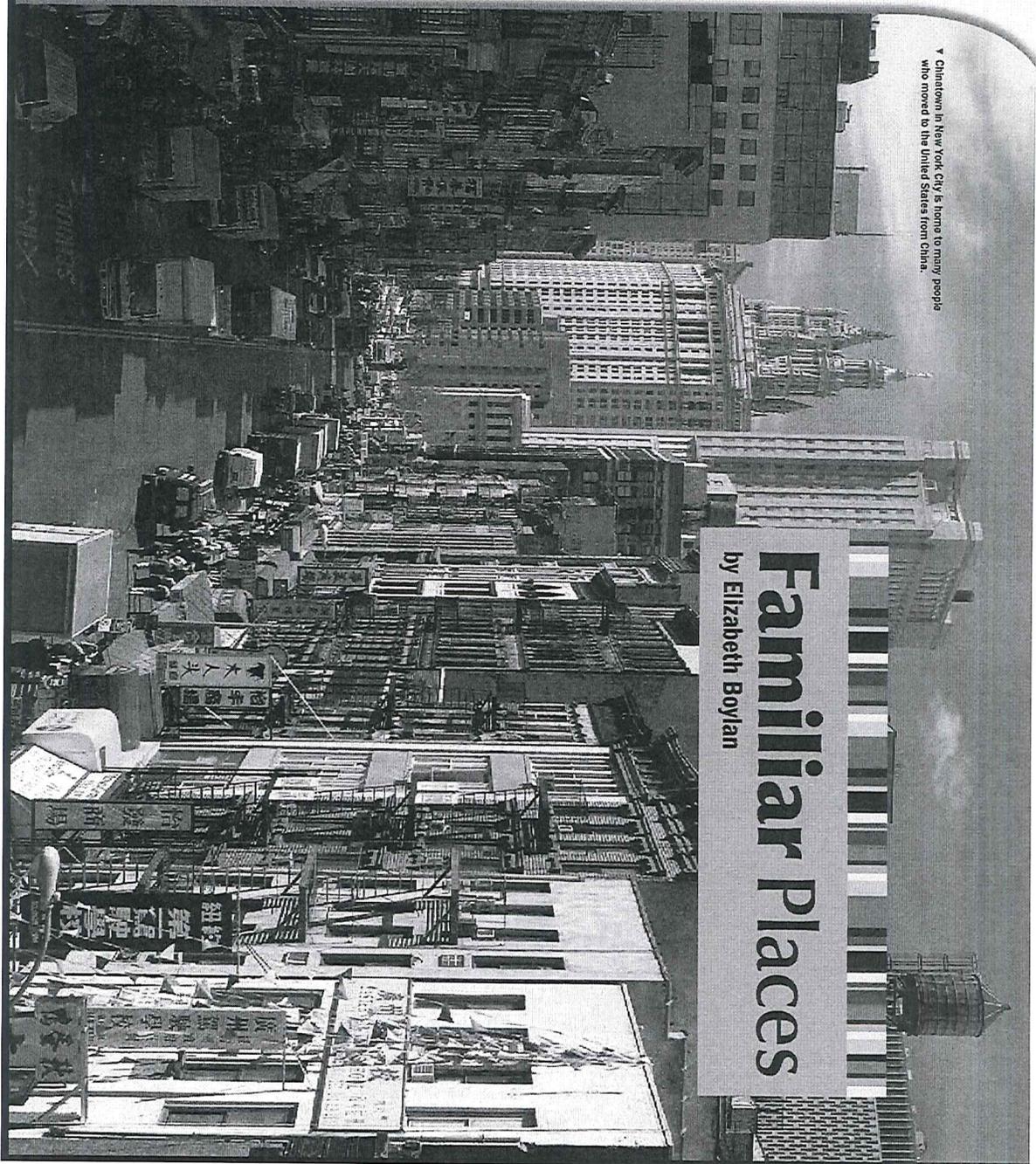
Walk into a restaurant. Order some food. Tear some of the *injera* to scoop up the hot stews. Taste the seasoned vegetables and spicy sauces.

The right food makes a new place feel like home.

Remember that you can synthesize by drawing conclusions, forming generalizations, and comparing.

# Familiar Places

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People are the heart of any **community**. When the **population** changes, so does the community. People bring their clothes, their furniture, and, of course, their **traditions**. Over time, the new community starts to feel a little like home.

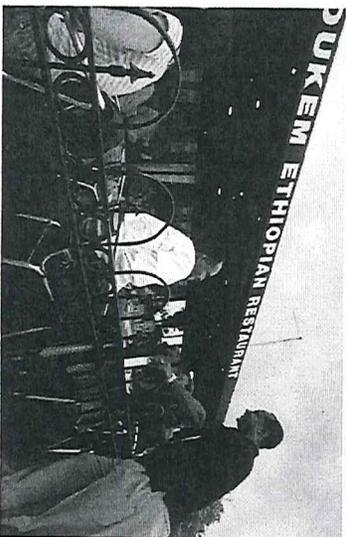
## Familiar Food

In any city, you can find all different kinds of food. Some foods feel more like home, though.

Ethiopian people who move to Little Ethiopia agree. The community has many restaurants that serve delicious Ethiopian foods.

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<sup>4</sup> Washington, DC, has a community known as Little Ethiopia. There are many Ethiopian restaurants there. The first Ethiopian restaurant in Washington, DC, opened in the 1970s.

## Familiar Clothes

In a community, shops sell many different kinds of clothes. Some clothes look more familiar, though.

Indian people who go to Little India agree. There are many clothing and jewelry shops there.

Walk into a shop and feel the soft fabrics. Look at the colorful *sarees*. Try on a *kameez*. Familiar clothes can make a new place feel like home.



<sup>4</sup> Many people from India moved to Chicago, Illinois, in the 1960s. They opened shops that sell Indian clothes, food, and jewelry. The community is called Little India.

**Key Vocabulary**  
**community** *n.*, where people live  
**population** *n.*, the number of people in a place  
**tradition** *n.*, an activity or belief that people share  
**agree** *v.*, to have the same idea

**In Other Words**  
 delicious very good  
 Tear Pull off  
*injera* Ethiopian flat bread  
 stems thick soups



**Key Vocabulary**  
**familiar** *adj.*, already known

**In Other Words**  
 fabrics cloth  
*saree* long, flowing dresses  
*kameez* long shirt

### **Look Into the Text**

1. Explain How do the people of Little Ethiopia make their community feel like home?
2. Main Idea and Details What is each section mainly about? What details tell about the main idea?

## Familiar Sounds

There are sounds all around a neighborhood. Some sounds are more familiar, though.

Haitian people who move to Little Haiti agree. The sounds you hear in Little Haiti are like the sounds you hear in Haiti. Walk

into a shop and hear people speak Haitian Creole and French. Listen to the *compas* music. Sway to the strong beat. Familiar sounds can make a new place feel like home.



▲ Thousands of Haitians moved to Miami, Florida, in the 1980s. They formed a neighborhood called Little Haiti. Owners move to the music at a street market.

**Key Vocabulary**  
neighborhood *n.*, a place where people live and work together

**In Other Words**  
*compas* music Haitian music  
Sway Move your body back and forth

## Familiar Language

When a language is new to you, the words can look so different. Sometimes it is nice to see your native language.

Korean people who move to Koreatown agree. In Koreatown, you can find words in English and Korean. Read the *hangul* signs. Buy a book in Korean. Find a Korean newspaper.

Familiar words can make a new place feel like home.



▲ Many Koreans moved to Los Angeles, California, in the 1960s. Now many businesses have signs in Korean and English.

**Key Vocabulary**  
native *adj.*, belonging to the place someone was born

**In Other Words**  
*hangul* signs signs that use Korean writing

### Look Into the Text

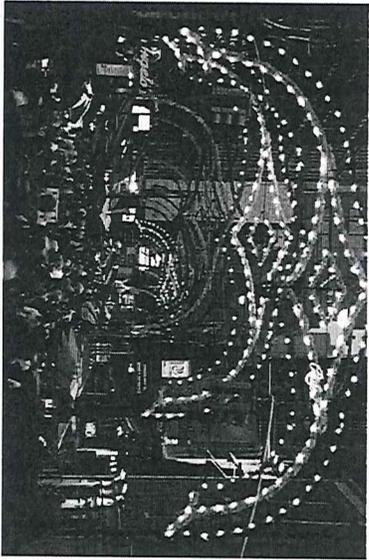
1. Interpret What are some of the sounds you might hear if you go to Little Haiti?
2. Main Idea and Details According to the text, what familiar things can Korean immigrants find in Koreatown?

## Connect Reading and Writing

### Familiar Celebrations

Everyone likes to celebrate! There are always many reasons to have fun. Some celebrations are more familiar, though. Every September, the people of Little Italy hold a festival. Look at the decorations and watch the parade. Then eat *cannoli* while you dance and sing Italian songs.

Familiar celebrations can make a new place feel like home. Familiar foods, sounds, and celebrations can make you feel at home in a new neighborhood. As new people move in, the neighborhood will continue to change and become their home, too. ❖



4 New York City, New York, has a neighborhood called Little Italy. Many Italians moved there in the late 1800s. Not many Italians move there now, though. People in Little Italy still celebrate Italian traditions.

**Key Vocabulary**  
**Festival** is a special event or party.

**In Other Words**  
 celebrate have a party  
 decorative special lights and other things that people put up for the party  
*cannoli* an Italian dessert

54 Unit 1 Finding Your Own Place

#### CRITICAL THINKING

**1. SUM IT UP** Use your Reading Strategies Log to synthesize the information you learned in each section. Use your log to give a summary to a partner.

Text	Thinking Log	Key Words or Strategy
Page 52 Text: <i>Strategies Log</i> Section: <i>Thinking Log</i> Page	A Main Idea 1 Synthesize	Main Idea: <i>Strategies Log</i> Section: <i>Thinking Log</i> Page

Reading Strategies Log

- 2. Paraphrase** Look back at the first paragraph of the selection. Use your own words to tell how **communities** change.
- 3. Make Judgments** What do you think makes a new place feel comfortable? Do you **agree** with the author, or do you have different ideas? Explain.
- 4. Analyze** Why do you think **familiar** things are important to immigrants? Explain.

#### VOCABULARY REVIEW

**Oral Review** Read the paragraph aloud. Add the vocabulary words.

In the 1880s, a \_\_\_\_\_ in Vancouver, Canada, was known as Chinatown. Today many Chinese people also live in other \_\_\_\_\_. Nearly one third of the city's \_\_\_\_\_ speaks a main Chinese language. Many people are \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese speakers even though they were born in Canada. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ that art, music, and celebrations keep \_\_\_\_\_ alive. The Dragon Boat Festival is well-known, or \_\_\_\_\_, to nearly everyone in Vancouver. This \_\_\_\_\_ takes place on the water.

**Written Review** What **festivals** or special **traditions** does your **community** have? Write a TV ad for one of them. Use four vocabulary words.

#### WRITE ABOUT THE MAIN QUESTION

**Explore Finding Your Own Place**  
 Look back at the photos in the selection. How might these **neighborhoods** change in the future? Write your opinion, and support it with reasons.

#### READING FLUENCY

**Phrasing** Read the passage on page 550 to a partner. Assess your fluency.

- I did not pause/sometimes paused/always paused for punctuation.
- What I did best in my reading was \_\_\_\_\_.

#### READING STRATEGY

What strategy helped you understand this selection? Tell a partner about it.

Vocabulary  
 agrees  
 community  
 familiar  
 festival  
 native  
 neighborhoods  
 population  
 traditions

# Learn Key Vocabulary

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Familiar Places: Key Vocabulary

A. Study each word. Circle a number to rate how well you know it. Then complete the chart.

Rating Scale	1	2	3
	I have never seen this word before.	I am not sure of the word's meaning.	I know this word and can teach the word's meaning to someone else.



▲ The **population** of a city is divided into many different **communities**.

Key Words	Check Understanding	Deepen Understanding
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<p><b>2 community</b> (ku-myū-nu-tē) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> a place where people live and work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a store where people buy things</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>3 familiar</b> (fu-mil-yur) <i>adjective</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> already known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strange or extraordinary</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>4 festival</b> (fes-tu-vul) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> a competition or sporting event</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a special event or party</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**Did You Know?**

The word **tradition** comes from an Old French word that means "surrender" or "handing down."

Key Words	Check Understanding	Deepen Understanding
<p><b>5 native</b> (nā-tiv) <i>adjective</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> something that you don't understand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> something you know well because of where you were born</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>6 neighborhood</b> (nā-bur-hood) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> the area in which people live</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a single building</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>7 population</b> (pah-pyu-lā-shun) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> the number of tall buildings in a city</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the number of people who live somewhere</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>8 tradition</b> (tru-di-shun) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: 1 2 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an activity people share for many years</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a person's favorite food</p>	<p>Example: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**B.** Use one Key Vocabulary word to write about a celebration that you share with your family, friends, or the people in your community.

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# Selection Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Key Vocabulary

agrees	native
community	neighborhoods
familiar	population
festival	traditions

## Familiar Places

A. Read the paragraph.

Write a Key Vocabulary word in each blank.

Reread the paragraph to make sure the words make sense.

Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ that it is important to live in a comfortable place with \_\_\_\_\_ things. People want to feel a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a place may change, but if people preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ from their \_\_\_\_\_ lands, they will always feel at home. One way to make people feel welcome is to have a \_\_\_\_\_ or celebration.

B. Write complete sentences to answer these questions about "Familiar Places."

1. How can sharing **traditions** help bring people together?

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2. What food, clothing, and music would make you feel more comfortable in a new place?

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**Academic Vocabulary**

**compare**      **immigrant**  
**context**      **topic**

## Familiar Places: Academic Vocabulary Review

A. Draw a line to match each Academic Vocabulary word with its meaning.

Word
1. <b>compare</b>
2. <b>context</b>
3. <b>immigrant</b>
4. <b>topic</b>

Definition
someone who comes to live in a new country
to think about how two things are alike and different
the subject of a piece of writing or a discussion
the parts nearby that help explain the meaning of a word

B. Read each statement. Circle **Yes** or **No** to answer.

1. **Context** helps you understand what a new word means.      **Yes**    **No**
2. An **immigrant** can only visit a new country for a short time.      **Yes**    **No**
3. When you **compare**, you look at what is the same and different.      **Yes**    **No**
4. The **topic** of a discussion is its subject.      **Yes**    **No**

C. Use at least one of the Academic Vocabulary words. Write about a time you visited a new place and found something familiar.

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# The Secret Water

By Daphne Liu

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# Prepare to Read

## Learn Key Vocabulary

**Study the Words** Use the steps below.

1. Pronounce the word. Say it aloud several times. Spell it.
2. Rate your word knowledge.
3. Study the example.
4. Practice it. Make the word your own.

### Rating Scale

- 1** = I have never seen this word before.
- 2** = I am not sure of the word's meaning.
- 3** = I know this word and can teach the word's meaning to someone else.

### Key Words

**available** (u-vā-lu-bu) *adjective*  
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When something is **available**, it is here and ready for use. Fresh fruit is **available** in the summer.  
**Antonym:** unavailable

**perfect** (pur-fikt) *adjective*  
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Something that is **perfect** is just right. This girl makes a **perfect** dive into the water.  
**Antonyms:** wrong, bad

**plan** (plan) *noun*  
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A **plan** is an idea about how to do something. Drawings show the **plans** for building a new house.  
**Synonym:** blueprint

**problem** (prah-blum) *noun*  
page 82



A **problem** is something that is wrong. A **problem** needs to be solved or fixed. This driver has a **problem**. His truck is stuck in the mud.  
**Antonym:** solution

**secret** (sē-krut) *adjective, noun*  
page 80



**1 adjective** Something that is **secret** is hidden from others. **2 noun** A **secret** is something you hide from others. Can you keep a **secret**?  
**Synonym:** private (*adjective*)

**statue** (sta-chii) *noun*  
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A **statue** is a model of a person or thing. This **statue** shows Abraham Lincoln.

**village** (vi-lij) *noun*  
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A **village** is a very small town. Not many people live in this farming **village**.

**worry** (wur-ē) *verb*  
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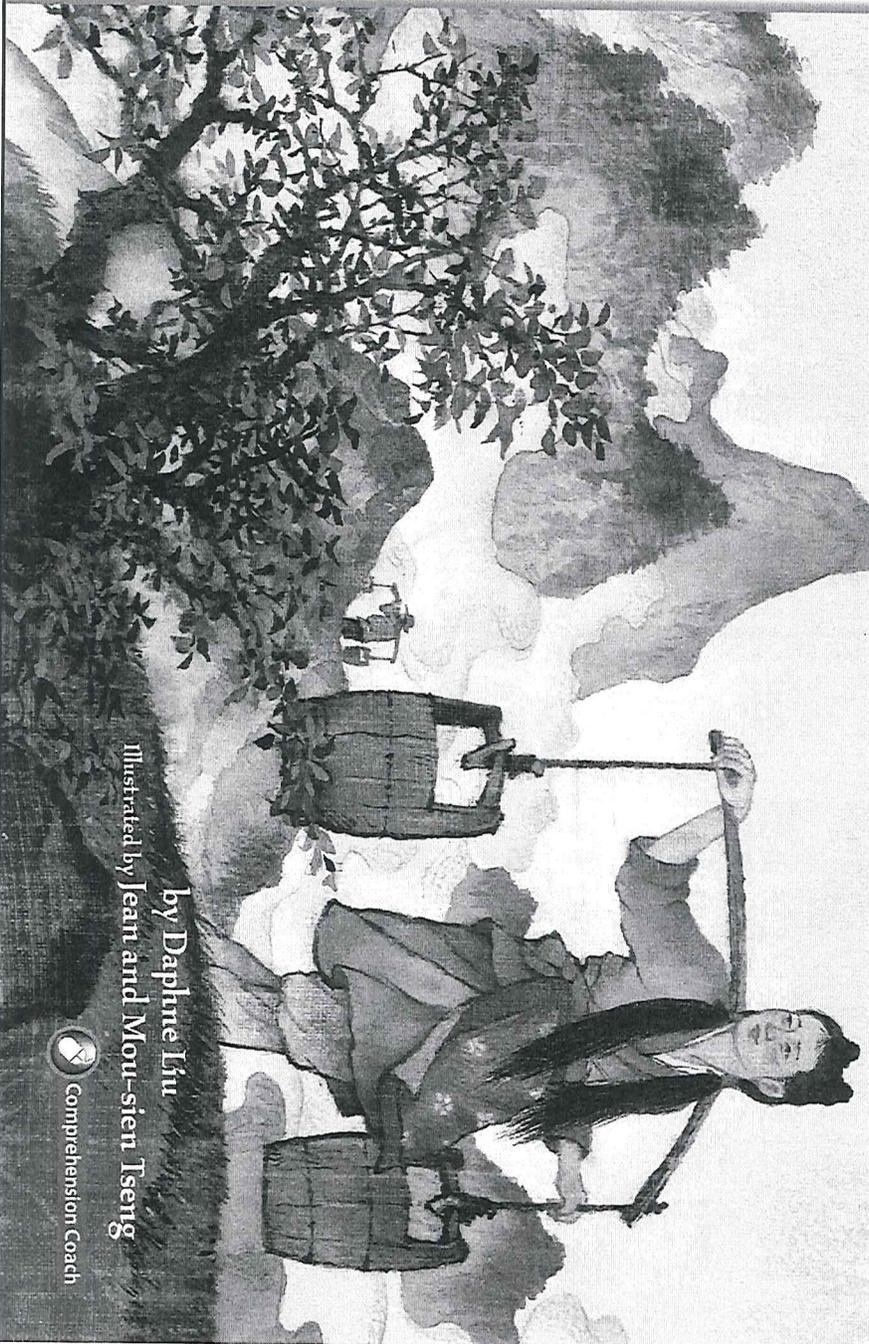
To **worry** about something means to feel unhappy and afraid about what may happen. People often **worry** when they are late.  
**Antonym:** relax

**Practice the Words** Make a Vocabulary Example Chart for each Key Word. Then compare your charts with a partner's.

Word	Definition	Example from My Life
perfect	just right	100% on my math test

Vocabulary Example Chart

# THE SECRET WATER



by Daphne Liu  
Illustrated by Jean and Mou-sien Tseng



## Legend

A legend is a very old story, usually about a hero, or person who acts with courage to solve a problem.

The problem is often introduced early in the legend. As the story continues the characters respond or change as the plot leads to a solution.

The setting is where and when a story happens. In a legend, the problem may be connected to the setting.

### Look into the text

Shu Fa lives with Uncle and Auntie in a village by the mountain. The land is dry and dusty. There is no water available for the villagers.

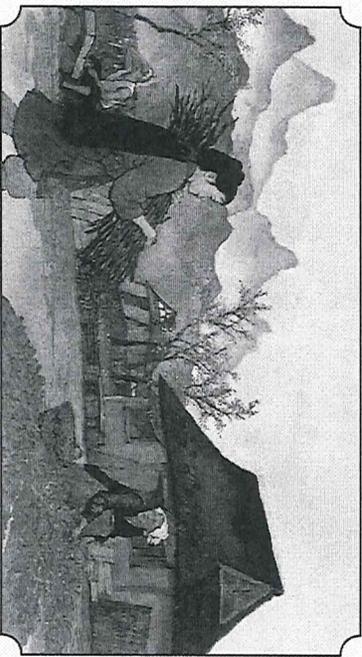
Every day, people must walk over the steep mountain to get the precious water. They fill their buckets with the water and carry it home.

If you do not understand the problem, monitor your reading by clarifying ideas. As you read, stop and reread or read on. This may help the problem become clear to you.

**Set a Purpose**  
Find out why Shu Fa has to help her village.

Shu Fa lives with Uncle and Auntie in a village by the mountain. The land is dry and dusty. There is no water available for the villagers.  
Every day, people must walk over the steep mountain to get the precious water. They fill their buckets with the water and carry it home.

One day, Shu Fa goes up the mountain. Near the path, she discovers a turnip. It is perfect for lunch. She pulls it out of the ground.  
Snap! Water pours from the hole left by the turnip. Shu Fa is amazed! Now the villagers will not have to walk so far for water.



Suddenly, a strong wind blows in from the mountain. It pushes the turnip back into the hole. A loud voice roars, "You cannot take my water!"  
Shu Fa asks, "Who are you?"  
"I am the Voice of the Mountain. This is MY water. You cannot take it."

"But my village needs water! Can you share it with us?" Shu Fa asks.  
"No, I do not share!" the Voice says. Then it warns her: "If you tell anyone about the water, you will be punished!"



**Key Vocabulary**  
village n., a small town  
available adj., here and ready for use  
perfect adj., just the right thing

**In Other Words**  
precious valuable and important  
turnip vegetable  
amazed very surprised

**Cultural Background**  
This story takes place in China, where most people still live in the country. Many people in China, and in the world, have too little water. They dig wells or carry water using buckets.

**In Other Words**  
roars says with force  
warns her tells her in a strong way

**Look Into the Text**  
1. Character: What kind of person is Shu Fa? How can you tell?  
2. Cause and Effect: What happens when Shu Fa pulls the turnip?

**Predict**  
Will Shu Fa tell about the water?

Shu Fa runs home. She wants to tell everyone about the secret water. But she is afraid.

Many days pass. Shu Fa sees how hard the villagers work to get water. She worries so much that her long, black hair turns white.

One day, Uncle walks over the mountain to get water. But he trips and hurts his head. *"Alaya!"* he cries.

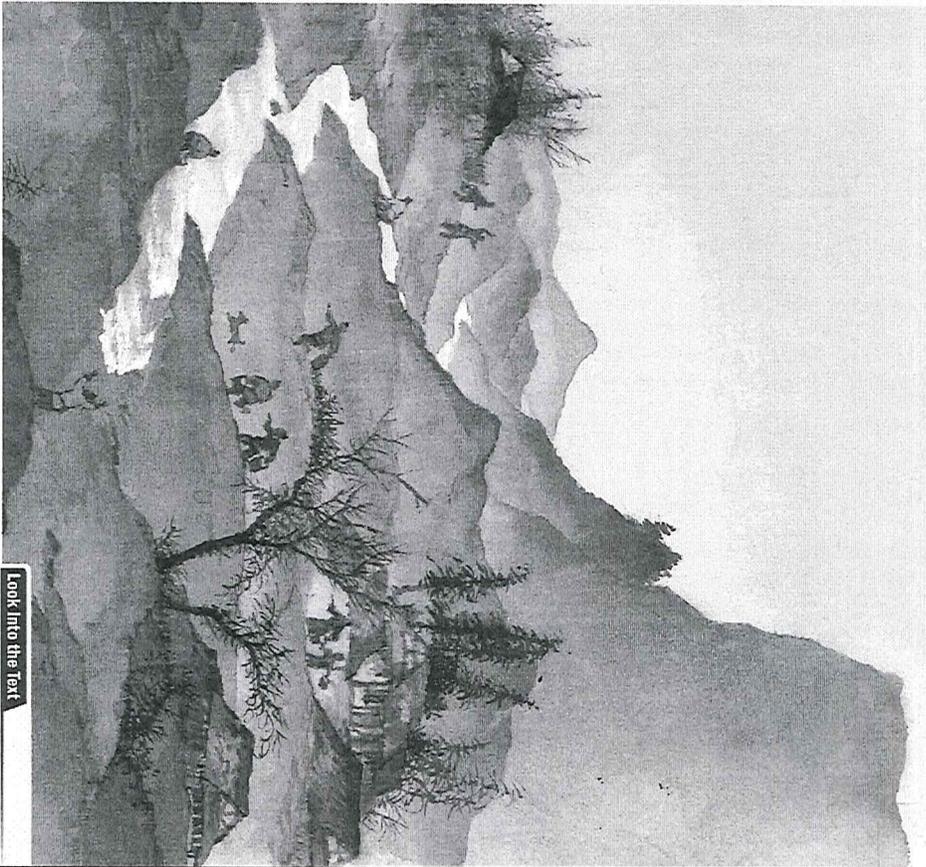
Shu Fa cries, too. She knows how that she must help. She must bring the water to her village.

Shu Fa runs up the mountain and smashes the turnip. Water pours out of the hole. It becomes a river that goes into the village. The villagers dance with joy!



Then the Voice of the Mountain shouts, "Shu Fa, you told my secret! Now you must live in my river forever!"

Shu Fa cries. She begs the Voice to let her say goodbye to her family. The Voice grumbles, "Go, but you must return here tonight."



**Look Into the Text**

1. Inference Why does Shu Fa's hair turn white?
2. Confirm Prediction Was your prediction correct? What happened that you did not expect?

**Key Vocabulary**  
secret *adj.* hidden  
worry *v.* to feel unhappy and afraid about what might happen

**In Other Words**  
trips falls down  
Alaya! Oh no! (in Chinese)  
smashes breaks  
begs asks  
grumbles says unhappily

**Predict**  
How will Shu Fa solve her problem?

Shu Fa runs back to the village. "What can I do?" she asks herself. "I do not want to live in the river!" She decides to tell

Uncle about the problem.

Uncle thinks for a few minutes. Then he says, "I have a plan."

Uncle works all day to carve a statue out of stone. The statue looks just like

Shu Fa. He thinks the statue will trick the Voice of the Mountain.

"I just need one thing," Uncle tells Shu Fa. He cuts Shu Fa's long, white hair and attaches it to the statue. Then he places the statue in the river. Water flows over

the statue. It carries the white hair over the mountain like a waterfall.

The Voice of the Mountain sees the statue. It says, "Hello, Shu Fa!"

The trick worked!

Today, the waterfall still flows to the village. The land is green, and the people are happy.

Once again, Shu Fa has long, black hair. ❖



**Key Vocabulary**  
Problem *n.*, something that is wrong  
plan *n.*, an idea about how to do something  
statue *n.*, a model of a person or thing

**In Other Words**  
carve *v.* make, cut

- Look Into the Text!**
- Character's Motive: Why does Shu Fa tell Uncle the problem?
  - Paraphrase: How does Uncle's plan save Shu Fa?
  - Viewing: What clue in the picture tells you if the trick worked?

## Connect Reading and Writing

### CRITICAL THINKING

- SUM IT UP** Use your Problem-and-Solution Chart. Discuss how Shu Fa solves the problem. What do her actions say about her? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

<b>Problem:</b> The villagers must walk over a steep mountain to get water.
<b>Event 1:</b>
<b>Event 2:</b>
<b>Event 3:</b>
<b>Solution:</b>

Problem-and-Solution Chart

- Infer** Most legends are set in the past. How can you tell that what happens in Shu Fa's village takes place long ago? Find details in the story.

### VOCABULARY REVIEW

**Oral Review** Read the paragraph aloud. Add the vocabulary words.

I live in a \_\_\_\_\_ where we eat a lot of fish. Fish are always \_\_\_\_\_ from the lake. No one ever \_\_\_\_\_ about hunting to honor the fish, artists carved a large \_\_\_\_\_ . They wanted to keep it a \_\_\_\_\_, so they didn't tell anyone. Then the artists had a \_\_\_\_\_ to solve. Where should they put the statue? They thought about it and decided on a \_\_\_\_\_ . They found a \_\_\_\_\_ setting. The statue will sit in the lake!

**Written Review** Write a sentence to describe in detail each illustration in "The Secret Water." Assemble these into a narrative about the characters and the village. Use five vocabulary words.

### WRITE ABOUT THE GUIDING QUESTION

**Explore Earth's Resources**  
Reread the selection. When is it OK to take an available resource from somebody to help others? Support your idea with examples from the text.

**Vocabulary**  
available  
perfect  
plan  
problem  
secret  
statue  
village  
worries

### READING FLUENCY

**Expression** Read the passage on page 561 to a partner. Assess your fluency.

- My voice never/sometimes/always matched what I read.
- What I did best in my reading was \_\_\_\_\_.

### READING STRATEGY

What strategy helped you understand this selection? Tell a partner about it.

# Learn Key Vocabulary

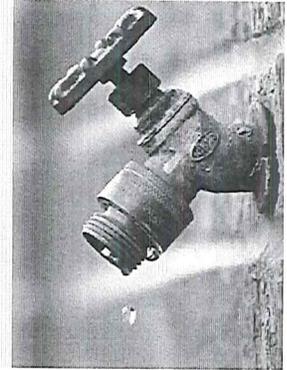
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## The Secret Water: Key Vocabulary

A. Study each word. Circle a number to rate how well you know it. Then complete the chart.

Rating Scale	1	2	3
	I have never seen this word before.	I am not sure of the word's meaning.	I know this word and can teach the word's meaning to someone else.

The lack of **available** water is a big **problem** in some **villages**. ▶



Key Words	Check Understanding	Deepen Understanding
<p><b>1 available</b> (u-vā-lu-bul) <i>adjective</i></p> <p>Rating: <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> extremely large</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ready to use</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>available</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>2 perfect</b> (pur-fikt) <i>adjective</i></p> <p>Rating: <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> just right</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> needing improvement</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>perfect</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>3 plan</b> (plan) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an idea about how to do something</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a mistake or error</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>plan</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>4 problem</b> (prah-blum) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> a long story that is told more than once</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> something that needs to be solved</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>problem</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**Did You Know?**

There is an African proverb that says, "It takes a **village** to raise a child." This means that everyone in a community is responsible for its children.

Key Words	Check Understanding	Deepen Understanding
<p><b>5 secret</b> (sē-krut) <i>adjective</i></p> <p>Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> hidden from others</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> announced by a teacher</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>secret</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>6 statue</b> (sta-chū) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> a famous painting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a model of a person or thing</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>statue</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>7 village</b> (vi-lij) <i>noun</i></p> <p>Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> a very small town</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a city near the sea</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>village</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p><b>8 worry</b> (wur-ē) <i>verb</i></p> <p>Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> to celebrate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> to feel afraid about what may happen</p>	<p>List other words that describe <i>worry</i>: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**B.** Use at least two Key Vocabulary words. Write about a time when you overcame a challenge.

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# Selection Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Key Vocabulary

available	secret
perfect	statue
plan	village
problem	worried

## The Secret Water

### A. Read the paragraphs.

Write a Key Vocabulary word in each blank.

Reread the paragraphs to make sure the words make sense.

Shu Fa lived in a mountain \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone had to walk a long distance for water. One day Shu Fa picked a turnip that looked \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch, and water poured from the hole it left behind! Shu Fa thought this would solve the village's \_\_\_\_\_. Now water would be \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone. However, the Voice of the Mountain told Shu Fa she could not take the water or tell anyone about it. If she told anyone about the \_\_\_\_\_ water, she would be punished.

Shu Fa \_\_\_\_\_ about the people who worked hard to get water. When Shu Fa's uncle was hurt, she smashed the turnip to get the water. The Voice of the Mountain made her live in the river as punishment. Her uncle came up with a \_\_\_\_\_. He carved a \_\_\_\_\_ that looked just like Shu Fa. The Voice of the Mountain thought the statue was Shu Fa.

### B. Write complete sentences to answer these questions about "The Secret Water."

1. How can you tell that the Voice of the Mountain is powerful?

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2. What else could Shu Fa have done to trick the Voice of the Mountain?

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**Academic Vocabulary**

<b>category</b>	<b>series</b>
<b>compare</b>	<b>topic</b>
<b>resource</b>	

## The Secret Water: Academic Vocabulary Review

A. Draw a line to match each Academic Vocabulary word with its meaning.

Word	Definition
1. <b>category</b>	to think about how two things are alike and different
2. <b>compare</b>	a group of related things that are put in a certain order
3. <b>resource</b>	a group of items that are related in some way
4. <b>series</b>	the subject of a piece of writing or of a discussion
5. <b>topic</b>	something that people need and use

B. Write an Academic Vocabulary word to complete each sentence.

1. Water is a \_\_\_\_\_ all people need. We cannot live without water.
2. Our class watched a \_\_\_\_\_ of six science videos about water.
3. We will \_\_\_\_\_ what we learned on the videos with what we learned in class.
4. We grouped the different ways water is used and made a \_\_\_\_\_ for each group.
5. Our class had many good discussions on the \_\_\_\_\_ of water.

C. Choose two Academic Vocabulary words. Write a complete sentence using each word.

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Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrucciones:** Lee el pasaje y responde las preguntas. Escribe tus respuestas en una hoja de papel aparte o en el reverso de esta hoja.

## Tamaya y su árbol de camelias

- 1 Hace mucho tiempo, Tokubei Tamaya encabezaba una familia próspera de mercaderes japoneses de Geiha. Tokubei trabajó mucho en su negocio y acumuló una fortuna. Con los años, se casó con una encantadora joven y tuvieron un hermoso hijo.
- 2 Aunque Tokubei vivía rodeado de lujo y confort, no estaba tranquilo: temía constantemente que los ladrones irrumpieran en su casa y robaran su fortuna. La preocupación de Tokubei se volvió tan incontrolable que comenzó a dormir mal y, después de una noche entera despierto, decidió idear un plan. Detrás de su casa había un árbol de camelias rodeado de un matorral de bambúes. Esa misma noche, Tokubei enterró debajo del árbol una caja repleta de tesoros de oro y plata.
- 3 A pesar de ese intento, Tokubei continuó angustiándose tanto por los posibles ladrones que acabó enfermando. Su esposa lo convenció de viajar a Matsuno-yama para bañarse en los manantiales de aguas termales, ya que eso seguramente lo sanaría.
- 4 Entonces, Tokubei partió hacia Matsuno-yama. Un día, mientras se bañaba en las aguas termales, oyó una voz que cantaba: —En Geiha hay un árbol de camelias que tiene ramas de plata y hojas de oro.
- 5 El corazón de Tokubei palpitó con fuerza en su pecho. ¿Cómo podía alguien saber acerca de su tesoro enterrado? Casi histérico por el pánico, volvió de prisa a su casa y fue directamente a ver el árbol de camelias. Tal como decía la canción, el árbol resplandecía con ramas de plata y hojas de oro. Tokubei se desmayó de la impresión.
- 6 Desde entonces, la salud de Tokubei empeoró rápidamente. Poco antes de morir, le confesó a su esposa el secreto del tesoro escondido. Después del funeral de su esposo, la mujer entró en el matorral de bambúes. Pero el árbol de camelias se veía como siempre y, aunque cavó muy profundo, la mujer no encontró nada enterrado debajo de la tierra.



### Preguntas de comprensión de la lectura

1. ¿Qué tipo de persona era Tokubei al comienzo del cuento?
2. ¿Cómo cambió Tokubei inmediatamente después de que se casó y tuvo un hijo?
3. ¿Qué efecto tuvo la visita a Matsuno-yama en el personaje Tokubei?
4. Describe el cambio general que experimenta el personaje de Tokubei al final del cuento.

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Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrucciones:** Lee el pasaje y responde las preguntas. Escribe tus respuestas en una hoja de papel aparte o en el reverso de esta hoja.

## Un año para pensar

- 1 Cuando sonó el despertador a las 5:00 de la mañana, afuera todavía estaba oscuro. Era el primer día de trabajo de Jim en la fábrica de vidrio Pittsburgh Plate Glass, donde su papá se ganaba la vida desde hacía más de 20 años. La tarea era simple pero agotadora: levantar una bolsa de carbonato de sodio que pesaba 40 libras y llevarla de un lugar a otro; repetir hasta que llegara la hora de irse. Jim se quedó dormido en el automóvil mientras su padre conducía de regreso a casa.
- 2 Jim había completado el primer año de la universidad pero decidió abandonar los estudios por un tiempo. No estaba seguro de lo que quería hacer y, además, sentía que malgastaba el dinero de su padre, ya que iba continuamente a fiestas y a partidos de fútbol americano pero solo de vez en cuando a alguna clase.
- 3 Un año más tarde, mientras volvían del trabajo en automóvil por última vez, el padre de Jim comenzó a hablar sobre las frutas y los tomates maduros de su huerto.
- 4 —Si quieres, puedo desmalezar el huerto —se ofreció Jim—. No es necesario, Jimmy —dijo el padre—. Mejor ve a buscar a tus amigos para jugar al básquetbol.
- 5 —La semana próxima ya estaré de regreso en la universidad y podré jugar cuantas veces quiera —repondió Jim.
- 6 Jim trabajó a la par de su padre durante una hora, desmalezando los vegetales y recolectando ciruelas. Ahora era mucho más fuerte, y un día entero en la fábrica ya no lo agotaba. Pero sí estaba cansado de trabajar en algo tan aburrido y sentía que era hora de retomar los estudios.
- 7 Esa noche, durante la cena, Jim anunció sus planes. —He ahorrado suficiente dinero para pagar la universidad y planeo trabajar algunas horas como tutor.
- 8 —Eres muy listo, Jimmy. Llegarás muy lejos —dijo la madre.
- 9 —Si ingreso en la facultad de medicina, quizás papá pueda jubilarse antes —señaló Jim.
- 10 —Y así podré dedicar más tiempo a mi huerto —respondió el papá, sonriendo.



### Preguntas de comprensión de la lectura

1. **¿Qué tipo de persona era Jim antes de trabajar en la fábrica Pittsburgh Plate Glass?**
2. **¿Por qué Jim decidió abandonar la universidad? Encierra en un círculo la oración que te lo indique.**
3. **¿En qué era diferente Jim después de un año de trabajo? Describe dos cambios que experimentó.**
4. **¿Cuál es la actitud de Jim hacia sus padres al final del cuento?**

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Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

# Usar pronombres

**A. Instrucciones:** Lee las oraciones y encierra en un círculo quiénes realizan la acción (los sujetos) . Luego escribe el pronombre que sustituye a los segundos nombres.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Después de que los estudiantes fueron al museo, los estudiantes comieron en el parque.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Su hermana pequeña insistió en resolver sola el problema. Su hermana pequeña lo consiguió después de pensarlo mucho.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Las jugadoras entrenaron mucho esta temporada. Las jugadoras ganaron casi todos los partidos.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Las profesoras y los profesores tuvieron una junta. Las profesoras y los profesores hablaron del nuevo curso.

**B. Instrucciones:** Inventa una oración para cada uno de los pronombres que escribiste arriba. Encierra en un círculo el pronombre. Si usas otros pronombres en tus oraciones, enciérralos también en un círculo.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Usar apropiadamente pronombres personales, posesivos y demostrativos

**Instrucciones:** Lee las oraciones y encierra en un círculo los pronombres correctos.

1. Las dos escaladoras llegaron a la cima de la montaña donde (ella, ellas, ellos) acamparon durante la noche.
2. Mi hermano es más alto que el (suya, tuyos, tuyo).
3. La niña se cepilló su largo cabello hasta que (este, esa, aquellos) quedó brillante.
4. Lisa llegó tarde a la escuela porque (él, ustedes, ella) se quedó dormida.
5. Carlos se compró un suéter muy parecido al (tuyo, suya, nuestros).
6. Este es el lugar de Marcos. ¿Es (esta, esa, aquella) su mochila? Sí, esta es la (nuestras, suyo, suya).
7. Roberto buscó nuestra tarea. Solo pudo encontrar la (mía, nuestros, suyo).
8. Lucy y (usted, yo, ustedes) llevamos nuestros sacos de dormir al campamento.
9. Rompí un plato por accidente. (Este, Esa, Aquellos) es el que rompí.
10. Los animales se comieron todo. (Ellos, Nosotros, Usted) estaban hambrientos.

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# Usar apropiadamente pronombres indefinidos, relativos, interrogativos y reflexivos

**Instrucciones:** Lee las oraciones y encierra en un círculo los pronombres incorrectos. Luego vuelve a escribir cada oración con el pronombre correcto.

1. El cuadro donde vimos en el museo era de un pintor italiano, la cual vivió en el s. XV.

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2. Anja y Diana son buenas amigas. Ellos nos fueron a tomar un helado.

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3. En la votación nadie votó por el nuevo candidato.

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4. Hubo muchas personas en la fiesta y vi a alguno conocidas.

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5. Necesitamos ayuda. Hay bastantas cosas por hacer.

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# Demostrar dominio de las convenciones del español

**Instrucciones:** Lee la carta siguiente a la directora del colegio. Luego vuelve a escribirla usando español estándar para corregir todos los errores.

Hola Sa. Walters:

Le pongo estas líneas pá pedirle su ayuda par arreglar un problema en la escuela que molesta a nuestra clase. Nuestra puerta de clase no tié ventana. Algunas veces cuando habrimos la puerta, accidentalmente atizamos a la persona questá del otro lao. Es que no podemos verla.

Te pido que por fis reemplaces mi puerta con otra que tiene ventana. Si la puerta tuvo ventana, podemos ver si habemos alguien en el otro lado y no golpeamos a nadie por accidente, y todo el mundo tan feliz.

Espero que se lo piense.

Adiós,

Emily Barnes

Walters:

Le, pongo estas líneas      pedirle su ayuda      un problema en  
 la escuela que molesta a nuestra clase.      clase no  
     ventana. Algunas veces cuando      la puerta,  
     a la persona      del otro      no podemos verla.

    pido que      mi puerta con otra que      ventana. Si  
 la puerta      ventana,      ver si      alguien en el otro lado y  
 no      a nadie por accidente, y

Espero que se lo piense.

Emily Barnes

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# Usar comas, guiones y paréntesis

**A. Instrucciones:** Lee las oraciones. Luego vuelve a escribirlas en las líneas de abajo, añadiendo comas, guiones o paréntesis para delimitar los elementos no restrictivos.

1. James Madison que medía 5 pies 4 pulgadas 1.62 metros fue el presidente más bajo de Estados Unidos.

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2. Las cuatro ciudades Nueva Orleans, Nueva York, San Francisco y Boston son lugares divertidos para visitar.

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3. Mi abuela cocinó galletas de chocolate ¡mis favoritas! cuando fuimos a visitarla.

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**B. Instrucciones:** Escribe una oración que use comas, otra oración que use guiones y otra que use paréntesis para delimitar elementos no restrictivos.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nombre \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

# Consultar materiales de referencia de ortografía

**Instrucciones:** Piensa en una palabra que encaje con cada descripción y escríbela en la línea. Busca la palabra en un diccionario impreso o digital o en otra referencia disponible. Comprueba la palabra para asegurarte de que la has escrito correctamente. Corrige tu ortografía si es necesario.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Un médico que se especializa en cuidar y curar animales
2. \_\_\_\_\_ La sala de una escuela donde los estudiantes practican deportes
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Una palabra para algo que no se mueve; por ejemplo, una “bicicleta \_\_\_\_\_”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Un tipo de reptil que puede cambiar el color de su piel para camuflarse con el ambiente que le rodea
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Un olor agradable parecido a un perfume
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Un condimento de color blanco que las personas ponen en los sándwiches, algunas veces con ketchup y mostaza
7. \_\_\_\_\_ El aparato eléctrico que limpia las alfombras o los suelos usando succión