

Vocabulary

Use a vocabulary word from the box to complete each sentence. Use the clue after the sentence to help you.

despair shriveled speechless insistent stifling distressed

- The plant _____ up and died from lack of water. *curled up and shrank*
- He was _____ that he wanted a blue van. No other color would do. *determined*
- She was _____ when we jumped up and shouted, "Surprise!" *not able to speak*
- The news about the damage from the storm _____ us. *worried*
- The air in the room had been so _____, that it felt good to step outside into the cool breeze. *lacking fresh air*
- He did not finish his work on time, and his _____ showed on his face. *loss of hope*



Story Comprehension

Read each sentence about "The Gold Coin." Write **T** if it is true or **F** if it is false. For help you may look back at the story.

- Juan was upset when he found out that Doña Josefa was giving away gold coins.

- Juan was used to working hard in the fields. _____
- Juan offered to fix Doña Josefa's roof. _____
- By the end of the story Juan became greedier. _____

At Home: Have students use the words *speechless* and *distressed* in a paragraph.



Make Predictions

If you read a story carefully you can use what you know about the story's characters to **predict** what a character might do.

Read each story. Use what you know about the characters to make predictions about what will happen next.

It was a rainy day at the bus stop. Abbie sat quietly waiting for her school bus. Several minutes later, a young girl Abbie had never seen before sat on the bench next to her. Abbie noticed the girl was shivering and wet, and she looked nervous. 'I'm already dressed warmly,' Abbie thought. 'So I should probably share my umbrella with her.' The girl continued to shiver as she waited for the bus.

1. What do you predict Abbie will do next? _____

2. Do you think the girl might be new to the school? _____

3. Do you think the girl and Abbie may become friends? Why? _____

Phil and his family are on vacation in Florida. For weeks the entire family has been eagerly looking forward to sunbathing and swimming. Just as they arrive they hear the forecast on the car's radio: "We hope everyone is enjoying today. By tomorrow we expect temperatures to drop, and rain is forecast for the next three days." "Don't worry," says Phil's mother. "I've brought books and board games."

4. How do you predict Phil and his parents feel? _____

5. What do you think they will do if it does rain? _____

Form Generalizations

A **generalization** is a broad statement. It can be a statement about people, animals, or things.

Read each paragraph. Put a ✓ next to the sentence or sentences that you think is the best generalization from the paragraph.

Living in another country can be a wonderful experience. When a person arrives in a new country, he or she will certainly be homesick at first. Being able to speak another country's language will help a person meet new friends and overcome homesickness. Some people eventually get used to the new country. Other people remain homesick during the entire time they stay in the new country.

1. _____ Moving to another country makes many people homesick.
2. _____ Some people become homesick the first time they are in another country.
3. _____ Speaking the language of the country you are living in may help you get over homesickness.

Learning a language is sometimes hard work, but it can be fun, too. There are many things you can do to help improve your language skills. Speaking the language every chance you have will improve your skills. Relaxing and trying to speak even if you make mistakes is also important. Studying, of course, is necessary.

4. _____ Learning a language is always difficult and boring.
5. _____ You have to study if you want to improve your language skills.
6. _____ It is important not to worry about making mistakes when you speak.