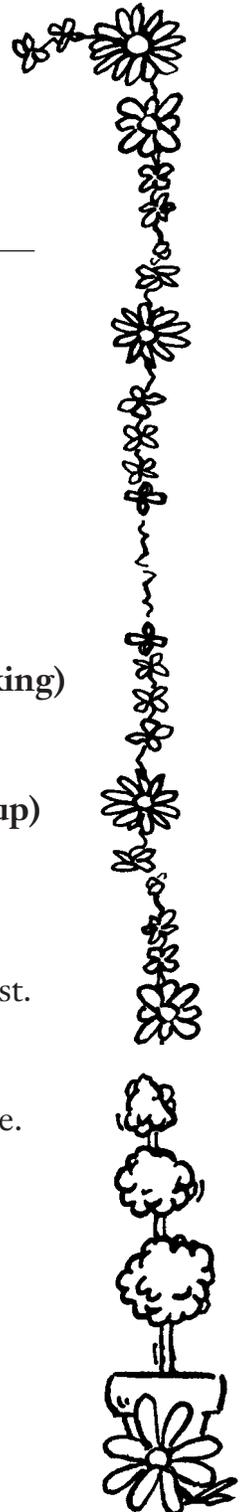


- Read each sentence. Write the word or phrase in parentheses ( ) that tells the meaning of the underlined Vocabulary Word.

**retire    adore    sprucing    vacant    anxious    recognizing**

1. The first time I took a train to the city alone, I was anxious.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (nervous, small)
2. Now I am used to riding the train, and I adore it.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (think about, love very much)
3. I usually look for a vacant seat by a window.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (empty, occupied)
4. Grandma had no trouble recognizing me at the train station.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (knowing, talking to)
5. Since Grandpa decided to retire, she needs help in their store.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (work harder, stop working)
6. Grandpa was sprucing up the apartment when I arrived.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (making neat, messing up)
7. I was anxious to get started working in the store because it's fun.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (afraid, excited)
8. Recognizing that I was tired, Grandma suggested I take a nap first.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (ignoring, knowing)
9. I spent some time sprucing up my room with pictures from home.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (decorating, cleaning)
10. I always stay in the vacant bedroom upstairs.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (unsafe, unused)



- Read the story. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question. The underlined words in the story will help you find the different elements, or parts, of the story.

One afternoon in spring, Dawn was looking at the straight rows in Grandpa's garden. Suddenly she called, "Look! A bunny! Grandpa, it hopped right over your tomato plants."

"Oh, no," Grandpa groaned. "That rabbit is heading for my lettuce patch. It eats every lettuce leaf it can find. What can I do? I don't have enough wire to put a fence around the whole garden."

"I can solve your problem, Grandpa," Dawn promised.

The next morning Grandpa found Dawn making a pile of pulled dandelions in a corner of the garden. "What are you doing out here so early?" he asked.

"I'm making dandelion salad for the bunny, Grandpa. You don't need the weeds, and the rabbits like these as much as lettuce."

1 Who are the main characters?

- A Grandpa and a rabbit
- B Grandpa and a gardener
- C Dawn and Grandpa
- D Dawn and a rabbit



**Tip**

Find the names of the most important characters in the story. Which answer choice has the same names that you see in the story?

2 Where does the story happen?

- F in an apartment building
- G on a farm
- H in a park
- J in Grandpa's garden



**Tip**

Look for words such as *in*, *on*, or *at* that tell where the story takes place. Which answer choice matches the information about a place in the story?

3 What is Grandpa's problem?

- A Dawn doesn't help Grandpa.
- B Dawn doesn't like rabbits.
- C A rabbit is eating Grandpa's lettuce.
- D Grandpa grows too much lettuce.



**Tip**

Find the underlined sentences in the story. Notice that Grandpa signals his problem with the words *Oh, no* and *What can I do?* Which of the answer choices describes Grandpa's problem?



**SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION** With your child, write a scene like the one above. Make sure that you include characters, a setting, and a plot. Have your child read the scene aloud to you.

- Read the letter. Then write *Yes* or *No* after each statement to tell whether a reader could correctly make that inference.

Dear Aunt Eva,

We had a great time planting our flower garden today. We met at the empty lot. It was sunny, and everyone felt cheerful.

I'm afraid that bringing Ruff was a mistake. He's a sweet dog, but he loves to dig and run. He even tried to jump over the fence! Liz grabbed him and brought him back to me. I was so embarrassed! I kept Ruff on his leash after that.

Ms. Kwan gave us many kinds of seeds to plant. There were zinnias, sunflowers, marigolds, cosmos, and many more. We dug holes, dropped the seeds into the ground, and covered them up with dirt. I had the best job of all—using the hose. Ms. Kwan even brought some tulip and daffodil bulbs for us to plant!

When we finished planting, Ms. Kwan had a picnic ready for us. Liz and I sat next to each other to eat. We all had a terrific day. I wish you could have been here! You would have loved it.

Love,  
Anita

1. It rained. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Liz and Anita are friends. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Anita's aunt likes planting flowers. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Anita used the hose to water the seeds. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Anita likes to tell her aunt about her activities. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ruff is Ms. Kwan's dog. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Anita likes planting flowers. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Anita and her aunt live in the same house. \_\_\_\_\_

