

Lesson Fifteen - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with a diary entry dated November 1, 2018 from “Diary of Emotions: Thoughts and Feelings”. The purpose of this lesson is to understand the reason for the author not going ahead with a plan.

Entry Date: November 1, 2018

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Place an “X” on the line beside the “main idea” of the story.

- _____ Grace thinks it is important for her son, nieces and nephews to meet Geneva.
- _____ Grace has thought many times about having her mother live with her.
- _____ Grace is thinking about what could have happened if the wrong Geneva had come to the phone instead.

The four statements below “support” the main idea. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

- (a) At first, Grace thought that she would bring Geneva home so that all of her _____ would be able to meet her.
- (b) The thought of moving to where Geneva lives, was only a _____ thought for Grace.
- (c) Since Grace does not know Geneva too well, it would likely not be a good _____ for her to live with her.
- (d) Grace does not see Geneva moving to where she lives as a real _____.

Making Inferences

Circle all of the reasons that Grace states for deciding not to have her mother live with her.

- (a) She has given up on her mother being in her life.
- (b) The boarding home takes care of all of Geneva’s basic needs.
- (c) Grace is still holding a grudge against Geneva for abandoning her.
- (d) Geneva has been on her own for a very long time.
- (e) Caring for Geneva may be a challenge since Grace does not know what her medical needs are.

Reading for Information

How did Grace know what Geneva sounded like when they spoke on the phone for the first time in years?

- (a) She had always imagined what she would sound like for years.
- (b) Her siblings had given her vivid descriptions of what she used to sound like.
- (c) Her father would mock her mother's voice and she was able to recognize it on the phone.
- (d) She had a recording of her mother's voice from a long time ago.

Identifying Cause and Effect

"She has been on her own for a very long time and, actually, so have I. It would probably be uncomfortable for us both."

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Fifteen is "rational".

Rational means basing an idea on clear thought and reason.

Read the statement below. Then choose one of the questions below and answer it. Write your answer in the space provided then discuss it with your group.

Grace is being rational in considering both the good and bad of having her mother live with her. It is only after careful analysis of the situation that she decides it is better her mother stays where she is.

1. What would happen if you let your emotions get in the way of rational decision-making?
2. Would you consider yourself a rational person? Explain why or why not.
3. Do you think rational thinking important in order to get through a difficult situation? Why or why not?

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