

# Expectations vs. Reality

In Carolyn Meyer's story "Car Trouble," each character wants his or her vacation to be a certain way, but these hopes, or expectations, turn out to be different from what actually happens! In this activity, you will compare what the characters expect with what really happens.

**Directions:** Read "Car Trouble" and fill in the chart.

	<b>What the characters expect</b>	<b>What really happens</b>
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**Write Now!**

How do you think the characters in "Car Trouble" feel about the outcome of their trip? Do you think they preferred what actually happened over what they had expected? On a separate piece of paper, write a well-organized paragraph answering this question. Explain your answer by using your notes from above.