Pick Your Own Vocabulary Words

**Directions:** We’ve given you the definitions of five important words from this issue’s story “Freddie in the Shade.” Look for the words as you read. Then pick out three more words that are new to you. Write their definitions, using context clues or a dictionary to help you.

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<td>1. chocolate éclair</td>
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<td>a long pastry that is filled with whipped cream or custard and topped with chocolate</td>
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<td>2. darted</td>
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<td>moved suddenly and quickly</td>
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<td>3. smirked</td>
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<td>smiled in a knowing way</td>
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<td>4. wavered</td>
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<td>was unsure or undecided; went back and forth</td>
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<td>5. wistful</td>
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<td>sadly wishful; longing</td>
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Critical-Thinking Question: After reading “Freddie in the Shade,” go back and reread sections to answer the question below.

1. What people and events help Freddie to adjust to change through the story? Which do you think most affects him? Why?

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**A Shade-y Character**

**Directions:** Answer the questions in the chart below to help you analyze the character of Freddie. Use specific examples from the beginning, middle, and end of the story “Freddie in the Shade.”

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<td>How do working at the bakery and spending time with Amy affect Freddie? How does he react when he learns Amy is leaving?</td>
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<td>How does Freddie act at his new school? How does he treat his new baby sister? What has he realized about the changes in his life?</td>
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**Your Turn!** Use your responses above to help you respond to the writing prompt on page 14: Pretend you are Freddie. Write a journal entry explaining what you’ve learned about accepting changes in your life and how you learned it.

Name: ____________________________________________   Date: ________________
The action of a story is called the plot. Most plots follow a similar pattern. The introduction presents a character’s main problem. Then the problem gets more complicated until the climax—or exciting turning point—of the story happens. And then (whew!) the resolution: The problem is resolved. Finally, there’s a conclusion. In this activity, you’ll figure out the different parts of the plot in “Freddie in the Shade.”

1 Introduction
What problem is Freddie facing? How does he deal with this problem?

2 The Plot Thickens
Who does Freddie meet at the bakery? How do his days change?

3 Climax
What does Amy tell Freddie right before school starts? What does he realize about her?

4 Resolution
What does Freddie do after learning about Amy’s situation? Why?

5 Conclusion
How does Freddie respond to changes in his life now?
In the story “Freddie in the Shade,” author Pam Muñoz Ryan uses figurative language. That means her words have a meaning other than what they actually say on the page. Sometimes you have to think about what she means. This activity will help you do that.

Directions: Read each line from the story below. Think about what each one means, using our hints to help you. Then rewrite each line in your own words.

1. “His mom had died before he could remember, so it had been Freddie and Dad for years, just the two of them against the world.” p. 12 (Hint: Why might Freddie have felt like he and his dad were “against the world”? What does this tell you about their relationship?)

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2. “For weeks, Freddie had been hibernating in his room, trying to avoid Dad and Maggie.” p. 12 (Hint: What does “hibernating” mean? What kind of animal does the word make you think of? How else might Freddie have been acting like such an animal?)

My own words: ____________________________________________________________
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3. “The smell of bread baking and the curtains of steam on the windows made it seem like anything Freddie said there would be protected.” p. 13 (Hint: In what way is the steam like curtains? Why might someone close the curtains in a room? How does Freddie feel inside the kitchen?)

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“Freddie in the Shade” Quiz

Directions: Read the story “Freddie in the Shade” in the September 2017 issue of Storyworks. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. Which word best describes Freddie at the beginning of the story?
   - brave
   - unhappy
   - lazy
   - fun

2. Why does Mr. Fieldstone give Freddie an éclair the first time they meet?
   - He feels sorry for Freddie.
   - He wants to thank Freddie for helping his customer.
   - He gives éclairs to all new employees.
   - He thinks Freddie needs fattening up.

3. In the sentence “For weeks, Freddie had been hibernating in his room trying to avoid Dad and Maggie,” hibernating is closest in meaning to ______.
   - unpacking
   - hiding away
   - doing homework
   - playing games

4. How does Amy feel about living in two different places?
   - pleased
   - curious
   - proud
   - sad

5. Which line from the story supports your answer to question 4?
   - “It’s . . . you know . . . hard going back and forth.”
   - “I’ve always wanted a sister.”
   - “Yeah, I’m lucky, all right.”
   - “Every afternoon, Amy had more questions.”

6. Freddie finally decides to stop wearing his sunglasses all the time because . . .
   - summer is over, and the sun is less bright.
   - he needs to see better for basketball.
   - they get wet from crying when Amy leaves.
   - they can’t stop things from changing in his life.

7. What do you think Freddie learns in this story?

8. How does the author use the sense of smell, sight, and taste to describe Freddie’s first time in the bakery?
“Freddie in the Shade” Quiz

Directions: Read the story “Freddie in the Shade” in the September 2017 issue of Storyworks. Then fill in the bubble next to the best answer for each question below.

1. Which character trait best describes Freddie at the beginning of the story?
   - A eager
   - B joyless
   - C confused
   - D thankful

2. Which line from the story supports your answer to question 1?
   - A “And they love you. I mean, they really love you.”
   - B “He had no interest in Minneapolis or anyone who lived there.”
   - C “Freddy darted to slide open the door . . .”
   - D “Puzzled, Freddy asked, ‘Why didn’t you mention it before?’”

3. At the beginning of the story, which event in Freddie’s life has just happened?
   - A Freddie got a new baby sister.
   - B Freddie’s mother died.
   - C Freddie’s dad married Maggie.
   - D Freddie and his family moved to Minneapolis.

4. Which word means the same as savored in the phrase “he savored the gooey pastry”?
   - A enjoyed
   - B disliked
   - C prepared
   - D destroyed

5. Where does Freddie first start to feel comfortable in his new town?
   - A in the park
   - B in his bedroom
   - C in the bakery
   - D in his school

6. Which line from the story supports your answer to question 5?
   - A “Freddy walked down Main Street.”
   - B “The first day of school wasn’t bad at all.”
   - C “For weeks, Freddie had been hibernating in his room.”
   - D “And there was a peculiar feeling of safety in the warm kitchen.”

7. Freddie finally decides to stop wearing his sunglasses all the time because ______.
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   - B he needs to see better for basketball
   - C they get wet from crying when Amy leaves
   - D they can’t stop things from changing in his life

8. What has Freddie learned by the end of the story?
   - A Change is a part of life and can be good.
   - B It’s better to answer questions than ask them.
   - C First impressions are usually correct.
   - D Simple is always best.

9. Which senses does the author use to describe Freddie’s first time in the bakery?

10. How do Freddie’s feelings about having a baby brother or sister change over the course of the story?

Constructed Response

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, write your answer to each question in a well-organized response. Make sure you support your answers with details from the story.

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