

B Look at the pictures on pages 5–7 and circle the correct options.

What is the story about?	Where does it happen?	When does it take place?
a school trip	at a playground	now
a new boy at school	on a street	in the past
a frog in a lunchbox	in a school cafeteria	in the future

- 🗿 <u>બ</u> Listen and read.
- 4 Unit I How do we express feelings?

# > Homesick

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The cafeteria was loud. There were kids everywhere, many of them in little groups. It seemed like everyone was shouting. Did someone just throw an apple core at the garbage can? Jaime watched as the apple bounced off the side of the can and rolled onto the floor. He looked from the apple back to Liam. *Of course* it was him.

Liam was an eighth grader, and frankly, he was mean. Or, as Dylan liked to say, "He's a bully!" There he was, sitting at the cafeteria table—his dirty boots on the bench. Jaime looked over at Dylan and raised an eyebrow. Dylan raised his eyebrow back.

Jaime thought about how different school was here in Canada. Back home, in Bolivia, at his old school, nobody put their shoes on the bench like that. In La Paz, where Jaime was born, he wore a uniform to school every day. And he talked to grown-ups with respect. He wouldn't run through the hallways dragging his backpack behind him on the floor. Liam did that every day.

That was how he met Dylan. Liam was running through the hall, and when he passed Jaime, he shoved him hard, out of the way. For no reason! And Jaime fell. Then, suddenly there was Dylan, reaching his hand out to help him up.

"Are you OK?" Dylan asked him.

Jaime tried to pretend that he was, but he felt shocked and embarrassed. He let Dylan help him up.

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"That quy Liam did the exact same thing to me last week, too," Dylan said.

After that, Jaime and Dylan walked to class together. And after school, they discovered they lived near one another. They were both in fourth grade. They liked talking about what they were learning in class and about Pokémon. And they both liked thinking about ridiculous ways to get revenge on Liam if he ever shoved them again. In one idea Jaime imagined, they put a frog into his lunchbox. They knew they wouldn't *really* do it, but it made them both feel better to talk about it.

Still, Jaime missed home. Arriving in Canada, Jaime was surprised to discover such a cold, harsh winter. At first, he loved it. But soon, he noticed how dark it was all the time. He missed the sun! Plus, it seemed like all the kids played hockey and he didn't. And sure, the grocery stores were enormous, but he missed the mango sellers on the streets of La Paz. That gave Jaime an idea. What if they hid great, big chunks of mangoes in Liam's shoes?

"Dylan, I have an idea!" Jaime said, "What if ..."

But just as Jaime started talking, something caught Dylan's attention.

Dylan turned around, showing his back to Jaime.

Jaime felt like he'd been hit in the stomach. Back home, in Bolivia, turning your back on someone was considered extremely rude.

When Dylan turned back around, he could see something was wrong. By now, there weren't as many kids in the cafeteria, and it wasn't so loud anymore.

"What's wrong, Jaime?" Dylan said. "You look really upset."

"Do you still want to be friends?" Jaime asked sadly, looking down at the tabletop.

"Of course I do!"

"But you turned your back on me." "So?"

"At home, if you turn your back on someone, it's like spitting in their face!" "Oh!" Dylan said. "I didn't know that. I'm sorry."

It was nice of Dylan to apologize, but Jaime still felt sad. It was hard to live in a place where you don't know the customs, and you feel like you don't belong. He couldn't ask everyone to learn his rules.

"What's wrong?" asked Dylan.

"I don't know," Jaime said. "I guess I just miss home."

Dylan nodded. "I've been homesick before. You know what helped?

Talking about it! When I was homesick at camp, I told my counselors about it, and ..." "Counselors?" Jaime asked.

"Yeah, my camp counselors, at summer camp! It's a sleepaway camp, and it's awesome!"

"Really?"

"Yeah! Tell me what you're homesick for, and then I'll tell you all about camp! And maybe this summer we can go together. That would be awesome!"

Jaime grinned. He still felt a little sad, but he also felt excited. The excitement that comes with knowing you made a good friend, and that sometime soon, you'll do something fun together.





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	ead the clues. Complete the crossword puzzle with the Key Words.		
	very selfish and unkind to others		
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Com	prehension		
2 N	Iark (✔) two types of revenge Jaime and Dylan thought about.		
	<ul> <li>putting a fish in Liam's backpack</li> <li>placing a frog in Liam's lunchbox</li> <li>placing a lizard in Liam's locker</li> </ul>		
3 R	ead and circle D (Dylan), J (Jaime), or L (Liam).		
a	He invited his friend to summer camp. D J L		
b	He threw an apple core at the garbage can. D J L		
c	He misses his hometown. D J L		
d	He thought about putting mangoes in shoes. D J L		
е	He turned his back on his friend. D J L		
f	He was mean and a bully. D J L		
• A	Inswer the questions.		
a	Where is Jaime from?		
b	How does Jaime feel about being in a different country?		
c	Why did he get upset when Dylan turned his back on him?		

Dig	jging Deeper			
5 🧁 Complete the story map.				
	•	oys Dylan excited cafeteria fourth boy upset Bolivia mean Jaime		
a	Main character:	A named from		
		He's in grade.		
b	Setting:	At the school		
C	Beginning:	He thinks Liam is But he		
		being with his friend		
d	Middle:	He feels because Dylan turns his		
		on him.		
е	End:	He feels because he'll do		
		things with Dylan.		
6 Do you think bullies are usually happy people? Why or why not?				
e	rsonalization			
🕖 Imagine you are away from home.				
a How do you feel? Mark (🖌) three feelings.				
	happy	upset sad angry		
	nervous	scared excited relaxed		
	b Who do you n	hiss the most?		
	c What two thin	ngs do you miss the most?		



# **Personality Test:** Different Colors, Different Personalities!

#### By Susana Ramírez Félix

Do you want to know more about yourself? Take this quick personality test! At the end, you will find out what color matches your personality. **Directions:** Read and choose the option that best describes you.

- 1 When the teacher assigns a task in class, I ...
  - 🚨 am fine finishing last.
  - finish as soon as I can. I don't like finishing last.
  - get upset if I don't finish first.
  - try to work quickly, but I am fine if I don't finish first.

#### 2 When I have to work with others, I ...

- prefer to work in a big group.
- prefer to work in a small group so that everyone can participate.
- have to be the group leader.
- don't like it very much. I prefer to work alone.



- **3** When I receive suggestions from my teacher, I ...
  - don't know how to react.
  - get worried and talk to the teacher after class.
  - listen, but I don't worry about it too much.
  - listen carefully and I ask questions.

- 4 When I have a problem with a classmate, I ...
  - talk with a teacher, relative, or friend about it.
  - talk with him or her and try to solve the problem.
  - never have problems with a classmate. I get along well with all of them.
  - don't talk to anyone about it. I try to avoid conflict.



- 5 When a classmate is sad or worried, I ...
  - tell a joke and try to make him or her laugh.
  - try to comfort him or her.
  - talk with him or her and see how I can help.
  - respect his or her privacy and I don't ask what's wrong.

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#### 6 Before taking an exam, I feel ...

- 🚨 very relaxed.
- extremely worried.
- a little bit worried.
- comfortable.

#### 7 When I do homework, I ...

- sometimes do not finish it.
- usually wait until someone tells me to do it.
- do it whenever I want to, but I always do it.
- do it as soon as I get home.



#### 8 After finishing my homework, I ...

- don't worry about putting it away.
- put everything away when my mom or dad tells me to.
- put everything away before I go to bed.
- immediately put everything away.

#### 9 I feel more comfortable when I ...

- don't make plans. I don't like routines!
- follow a flexible schedule, but I don't like to arrive late.
- follow my own routine. I don't like anyone to tell me what to do.
- follow a set routine all the time.



#### 10 When I have free time, I prefer to play ...

- with a big group of friends.
- with one good friend.
- with a small group of friends.
- by myself.
- 11 When I meet a new classmate or neighbor, I ...
  - tell a joke or funny story to help him or her feel comfortable.
  - ask questions to get to know him or her.
  - introduce myself immediately and talk about myself.
  - wait until he or she introduces him or herself.

# 12 If I have the chance to help others, I ...

- only help when someone asks me to do it.
- do everything I can. I love to help people.
- offer to help because I have lots of good ideas.
- do not offer to help unless it's an emergency.

#### 13 When I feel sad or worried, I ...

- talk about it with anyone who will listen.
- share my feelings with my parents or my friends.
- sometimes talk about it, but I can usually solve the problem myself.
- sometimes write about it, but I usually don't tell anyone.

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## 14 If a classmate is telling a long, boring

#### story, I ...

- don't pay attention and start talking to another friend.
- try to listen until the end of the story.
- gently interrupt him or her and ask a question.
- remain quiet but start drawing or writing in my notebook.

# 15 When I give a presentation in front of my class, I ...

- feel relaxed. I'm not worried.
   It will be fine.
- get nervous. I want my classmates and teacher to like it.
- get excited. I love to give presentations!
- feel confident. I prepare and practice, so it will be fine.







### Now, check your answers and see what color repeats the most. Then, read about your personality.

Outgoing	You are <mark>outgoing</mark> and you like to be with your friends and family. You are funny and you love to make other people laugh. However, it's hard for you to pay attention, especially if you don't find something interesting. Try to calm down and <mark>concentrate</mark> .
Fair	You are sensitive and like helping others. You are <mark>tolerant</mark> of other people's opinions and feelings. You want everything to be <mark>fair</mark> and equal, so you treat others fairly. Try to think more about how you feel and why.
Curious	You are very active, curious, and full of energy. You are a natural leader, and you feel proud of yourself. You like to try new things. You don't want your parents to tell you what to do. You make your own <mark>choices</mark> . Try to listen to your parents and teachers, too.
Responsible	You are responsible, well-organized, and calm. You prefer to work by yourself. You don't need to be the leader. You are <mark>cautious</mark> and reserved. Try to talk and work more with your classmates.