

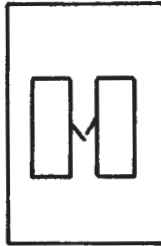
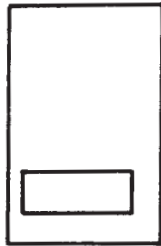
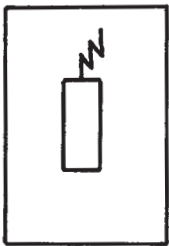
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Feelings

Leigh reveals many of his joys and frustrations in his diary. Leigh explains that he is angry at his dad for losing Bandit and for taking another kid out for pizza.

Each picture below was designed to show a particular feeling. Match one feeling word to each picture. Write the name of the feeling on the line below the picture with which it matches. Be ready to give a reason to support your opinions. Meet in groups to discuss your answers. (There are no absolute answers to these exercises. Some common responses, however, appear in the answer key on page 48.)

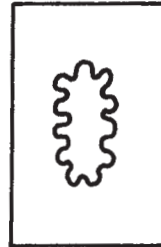
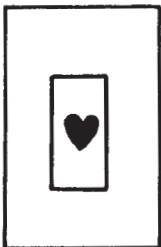


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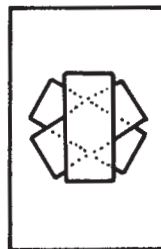
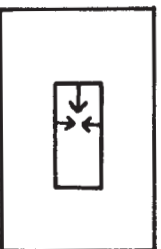
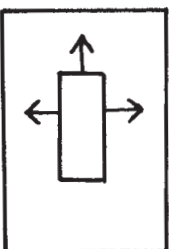


5. _____

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9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

- hurt
- confused
- curious
- loving
- angry
- shy
- peaceful
- frightened
- sick
- tired
- friendly
- strong

News Interview

Leigh and Boyd Henshaw have planned to meet each other in a park in Bakersfield, California. A news reporter finds out about it. He decides that this will make a great human interest story for television. You may wish to provide a camcorder and possibly a microphone.

Have students work in small groups to conduct interviews. As a group, they can decide what answer a certain character will give. During the interview program, the group's members can assume the roles of newscaster, camera operator, Leigh, Mr. Henshaw, etc.

Interviewer: "Mr. Henshaw and Leigh Botts, thank you both for allowing me to be here, and for being willing to tell us about your story."

Interviewer: "How did you begin writing to each other?"

Interviewer: "Mr. Henshaw, why did you write such sarcastic answers back to Leigh when he needed to write a report about you for school?"

Interviewer: "Leigh, why did you feel so angry toward Mr. Henshaw?"

Interviewer: "Mr. Henshaw, what advice did you give to Leigh about writing?"

Interviewer: "Leigh, describe the situation when you went to lunch with author Angela Badger."

Interviewer: "What caused you two to finally meet each other in person?"
