

**Directions:** The questions below refer to the story “One Last Kiss” in issue 7 of *READ*. Select the best answer for each question. For questions requiring written answers, use the blank lines or a separate piece of paper.

**1. (understanding character motivation)**

Daniel says several times that his life is stupid. List five problems in his life that contribute to his feeling that way.

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
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- c. \_\_\_\_\_
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- d. \_\_\_\_\_
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- e. \_\_\_\_\_
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**2. (understanding characterization)**

Which of the following best describes Daniel’s grandmother?

- a. hard-hearted, deceitful, abusive
- b. powerful, loving, protective
- c. indulgent, untrustworthy, manipulative

List three details from the story that support your choice.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. (understanding author’s purpose)**

What is the purpose of including the incident when Daniel’s mother bought him a necklace with an *O* charm instead of a *D* charm?

- a. It shows that Daniel’s mother is distracted and is not paying attention to him.
- b. It shows that Daniel is ashamed of his mother for being illiterate.
- c. It shows that Daniel is ungrateful and critical of his mother.

**4. (understand figurative language)**

The following sentence from the story is an example of what type of figurative language?  
*The kid’s face was a dartboard of pimples.*

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. personification

**5. (understanding words in context)**

In the following passage, if you don’t know Spanish, what can you assume about the word *mocoso*?

*His father had moved out on them two years before and he hadn’t come around once, though Daniel had seen him with a woman in the parking lot at Longs Drugs. His father had been holding a heart-shaped balloon in one hand and pushing a stroller with the other. Daniel was angry with his father. When had he ever given his mother a balloon? And that ugly **mocoso** baby!*

- a. It’s an adjective that says something nice about the baby.
- b. It’s a noun that means some kind of animal.
- c. It’s an adjective that describes the baby in an unflattering way.

**6. (making assumptions)**

At the end of the story, why can’t Daniel cry for his grandmother?

- a. He doesn’t love her, because she’s a criminal.
- b. He feels betrayed by her and doesn’t think she is telling the truth.
- c. He is so self-absorbed, he can think only about his own problems.

**7. (compare and contrast)**

What does the mystery girl’s kiss mean to Daniel? What does his grandmother’s kiss mean? Compare and contrast the two kisses.

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**8. (understanding the main idea)**

What is Daniel’s main problem?

- a. He doesn’t have a girlfriend, and he’s jealous of guys who do.
- b. He’s embarrassed because other people know that his grandmother is wanted by the police.
- c. Many of the important people in his life have disappointed him.