

Suggested Answers:

Activity 1: Sequence of Events

1. Lynne and Geoff enter a short story writing competition.
2. Geoff wins the Holmes-Watkins Medal.
3. Lynne reads a story written by William Bradburie that is similar to Geoff's story.
4. Lynne thinks that Geoff is a cheat.
5. Lynne debates on whether to reveal the truth about Geoff.
6. Lynne blurts out Bradburie's name in front of Geoff.
7. Lynne discovers that all the Bradburie books have been taken from the school library.
8. Geoff confesses to the headmaster that he may have got the idea from Bradburie without realising it.
9. Lynne is awarded the first prize.

Activity 2: Characters

Word Search: *Cheat*

N	E	M	Z	Y	G	P	J
O	L	Y	N	N	E	S	D
S	Y	H	M	E	E	S	M
E	D	P	Q	M	G	V	A
H	F	L	V	E	E	H	R
T	B	Z	O	L	S	G	G
A	K	F	O	Y	X	W	E
M	F	S	B	V	I	F	J

Activity 3: Character Traits

Lynne	Geoff	Velos
Ambitious Hardworking Impatient Judgmental Quick-tempered	Honest Brave Remorseful Funny	Reasonable Logical Diplomatic Decisive

Accept any relevant answers.

Activity 4: Themes

1. Do not be too quick to judge a person.

- Lynne is a character who is judgmental. After she has read the book written by William Bradburie in the library, she is filled with anger. She says that Geoff has cheated in the short story competition even though she has not read Geoff's story.
- Marge is another character who is judgmental. When Geoff mentions that he wants to be a barrister or lawyer, Marge labels him as being "money minded". It can be unkind when we characterise someone as such.

2. No man was ever great by imitation.

- Lynne stresses the importance of originality in writing. When she realises that Geoff is not cheating, she wonders whether she has read any story related to the sheepdog in a flood. As for Geoff's story, although his story is similar to William Bradburie's, Mr Velos tells Lynne that the story is still considered original and Geoff is not cheating.

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Activity 5: Lessons Learnt

1. Honesty and courage

Geoff requests his headmaster to disqualify him and bravely gives up the desired medal.

2. Diligence and perseverance

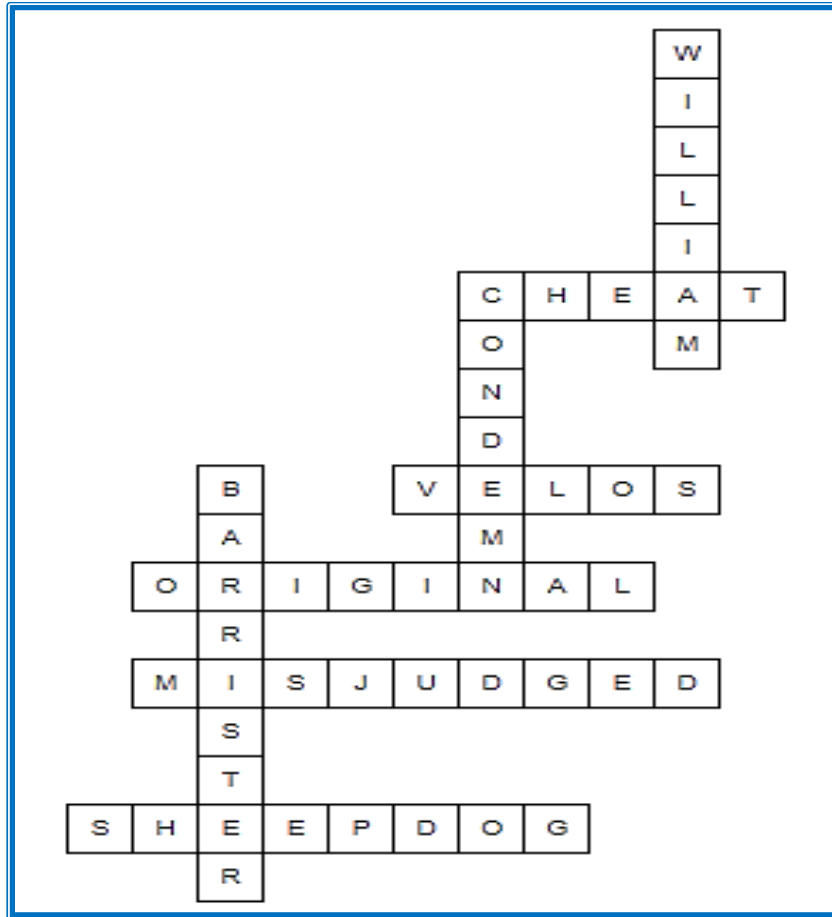
Lynne writes and rewrites her short story very diligently even though it is difficult for her.

3. Never jump to conclusions.

Lynne is convinced that Geoff is a cheat but later realises that Geoff did not do it purposely and feels sorry for him.

Accept any relevant answers.

Activity 6: Check Your Understanding



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