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Reflect and Respond

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This section encourages students to think about the importance of reading and writing skills. It includes activities such as completing a word web to list reasons why learning to read and write is essential. Students are guided to understand that reading helps us gain information and understand the world, while writing allows us to communicate our ideas clearly. The activity also involves sharing personal experiences related to elderly family members and their language and daily activities.

Key Elements

- Importance of reading and writing
- Communication and learning
- Family and generational language use
- Vocabulary building through matching words with meanings

Textual Evidence

The word web question: "Why is it important to learn how to read and write?" with suggested answers like "helps us learn," "connects with others," "improves thinking," and "supports future jobs."

Vocabulary words such as protagonist, debate, episode, community, concentration, eagerly, convincing, and guided are introduced with their meanings and usage in sentences.

Practice Set

- Level 1: Complete the word web with reasons why reading and writing are important.
- Level 2: Answer questions about the languages spoken by elderly relatives and their daily activities.
- Level 3: Match vocabulary words with their correct meanings and use them in sentences.

Answer Key

- Reading and writing help us learn, communicate, think better, and prepare for future jobs.
- Answers will vary based on personal family experiences.
- Correct matching of vocabulary words with meanings as provided in the text.

Quick Reference

- Reading and writing are essential skills for learning and communication.
- Vocabulary development strengthens language skills.
- Family experiences enrich understanding of language use.

Glossary

- Protagonist: The main character in a story.
- Debate: A discussion involving different opinions.
- Episode: A part or event in a story.
- Community: A group of people living in one area.
- Concentration: Focused attention.
- Eagerly: With great interest or excitement.
- Convincing: Persuasive or believable.
- Guided: Led or directed.

Reading for Meaning

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This section narrates the story of the author's childhood experiences with her grandmother, highlighting the importance of education and literacy. It describes the grandmother's desire to learn to read and write despite her age and lack of formal schooling. The story emphasizes family support, determination, and the value of education at any age.

Key Elements

- Summary of the story \"How I Taught My Grandmother to Read\" by Sudha Murty
- Characters: The narrator (author), her grandmother (Avva), and the community
- Themes: Importance of education, determination, family bonding, literacy empowerment
- Literary Devices: Imagery, dialogue, symbolism (e.g., touching feet as respect)
- Important Quotes:
 - \"For learning there is no age bar.\"
 - \"The happiness of this orphan girl is more important than worshipping Lord Vishweshwara at Kashi.\"
 - \"I am touching the feet of a teacher, not my granddaughter...\"

Textual Evidence

The grandmother's story about her life and regrets for not being educated, her determination to learn Kannada alphabet, and the narrator's role as her teacher.

The emotional moment when the grandmother touches the narrator's feet as a mark of respect for her teacher.

Solved Examples

- Explain why the grandmother wanted to learn to read and write at the age of sixty-two.
 - Answer: She felt dependent and helpless without education and wanted to be independent. She believed learning has no age limit.
- Describe the significance of the grandmother touching the narrator's feet.
 - Answer: It symbolizes respect for the teacher, reversing traditional roles, and highlights the value of education and learning.

Practice Set

- Level 1: Complete the cause and effect table based on the story.
- Level 2: Answer questions about the narrator's feelings and the grandmother's determination.
- Level 3: Write a short essay on the theme \"Education has no age limit\" using examples from the story.

Answer Key

- Cause and effect pairs correctly matched as per the story.
- Answers explaining the narrator's surprise and love for her grandmother, and the grandmother's wish to learn.
- Essay points: Education empowers individuals regardless of age; determination leads to success; family support is crucial.

Quick Reference

- Education is important at any age.
- Family support enhances learning.
- Respect and determination are key themes.

Glossary

- Ardent: Very enthusiastic or passionate.

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- Savouring: Enjoying something fully.
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- Immense: Extremely great or large.
- Taken aback: Surprised by something unexpected.
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