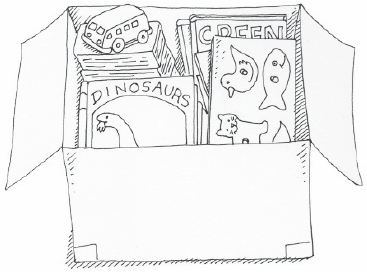
***Unit 2 Week 1 Quiz***

***A Hug in a Box***

The Herrera family was having a discussion. Cousin Flora was a soldier serving overseas, and the family wanted to let her know they were thinking of her. They were already sending a weekly email that updated Flora on family news, but they wanted to do more.

Dorinda asked if Flora could receive regular mail. “I love getting mail. I bet Flora would love to get mail, too!” Dorinda said excitedly.

Mrs. Herrera answered that they could mail things to Flora. “In fact, we could put together a box of things that would remind Flora of home. Boxes like that are called care packages,” Mrs. Herrera added.



“We want to fill the box with great things so she knows that we care,” said Matias.

The family found a Web site that listed items often included in care packages for soldiers.

Matias was quiet for a minute, and then he said, “I think that other soldiers would enjoy care packages, too. Could we send packages to lots of soldiers?”

Mrs. Herrera said she liked the idea. But sending many care packages would be expensive. Matias wilted in defeat, but after a few minutes he became excited again. He suggested they tell other families in the neighborhood about their idea. Maybe other families would be able to send care packages. Then lots of soldiers would know people care about them.

Mr. Herrera hugged his son and praised his idea. Just then, Dorinda had a concern that struck like a bolt of lightning. How would they get the names and addresses of other soldiers? They decided to ask Flora for the names of some other soldiers serving with her.

The family spent the rest of the afternoon working on the plan. Mr. Herrera and Dorinda made fliers explaining their project. Then they handed them to their neighbors. Mrs. Herrera and Matias made a list of the items they wanted to put in Flora’s care package. The next day, the family put Flora’s package together and mailed it.

A few weeks went by. One afternoon, Mr. Herrera opened an email from Flora. “Thanks so much for the hug in a box,” wrote Flora. “I cannot thank you enough for your affection. These reminders of home really brightened my day. Some of my fellow soldiers have received packages from your kind neighbors, as well. Thank you for all that you have done!”

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Which sentence describes a **main** lesson in the passage?

****A. The Herrera family wants to do more for cousin Flora.

****B. The Herrera family needs to send an email once a week.

****C.The Herrera family needs to find information on the Internet.

****D.The Herrera family wants to update cousin Flora on family news.

**Part B**

Which detail from the passage **best** supports your answer in Part A?

****A."The Herrera family was having a discussion."

****B ". . . the family wanted to let her know they were thinking of her."

****C."They were already sending a weekly email that updated Flora on family news, . . ."

****D."Dorinda asked if Flora could receive regular mail."

Match each problem from the passage with its solution.

* + **The family looks up information on a website.**
  + **The family sends their cousin a care package.**
  + **The family asks neighbors to send care packages.**
  + **The family sends Flora an email every week.**
* **Mr. Herrera wonders what items go in a care package.**

* **It is too expensive to send care packages to a lot of soldiers.**

* **The family wants to do more to show Flora they are thinking of her.**

* **Flora is overseas and does not know what is happening at home.**

Read the sentence from the passage.

Just then Dorinda had a concern that struck like a bolt of lightning.

What does the simile "like a bolt of lightning" suggest about Dorinda's concern?

****A. It is sudden.

****B. It is dangerous.

****C. It causes confusion.

****D. It takes a long time to form.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

### Part A

Read the sentence from the passage.

Matias wilted in defeat, but after a few minutes he became excited again.

What does the use of the phrase "wilted in defeat" suggest about Matias?

****A. He feels happy.

****B. He is disappointed.

****C. He looks like a flower.

****D. He wants to be a soldier.

### Part B

Which detail helps to show the meaning of "wilted in defeat"?

****A. Matias has an idea to send care packages to other soldiers.

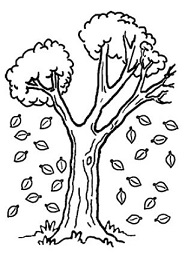
****B. Mrs. Herrera tells Matias she likes his idea.

****C. Mrs. Herrera explains that it is expensive to send care packages.

****D. Matias thinks they should tell other families about his idea.

***A Neighbor's Helping Hand***

I trudged down the sidewalk to Mrs. Goodman’s house. She had just had knee surgery, and Mom told her that I would do her yard work until she was able to again. I had been going to her house every Saturday for a month, but I didn’t mind because Mrs. Goodman was very kind.



The wind blew as cold as ice across my face as I rang her doorbell. Finally the door opened. “Hi, Rodney,” Mrs. Goodman said. “Sorry it took me so long, but I am a snail with this knee brace! Can you clean out my flowerbeds and rake the yard? Do you have any questions?”

I paused before answering because I was unsure of how to do either task. I didn’t know how to clean out a flowerbed, but Mrs. Goodman was patient, and I knew I could ask my questions.

“Could you tell me how to clean out a flowerbed? And I’m not sure how to rake leaves by myself.” I blushed and said, “I’m sorry I have so many questions!”

Mrs. Goodman smiled as she said, “Rodney, you never have to apologize for asking questions.” She explained how to complete each task, and soon I was ready to get started.

While I worked, I thought about a problem I was having at school. I did not understand my math homework and we were having a test soon. I remembered my mom saying that Mrs. Goodman was a retired teacher, so I wondered if she might help me with my math. Even though she was kind, I was nervous to ask her for help.

When I was done, Mrs. Goodman invited me inside and said, “You have done a great job these past few weeks, Rodney. It was hard for me to admit that I needed help. Have you ever had a hard time asking for help?”

“I sure have, Mrs. Goodman,” I answered. “Is it true that you used to be a teacher?”

“Yes, Rodney,” Mrs. Goodman replied. “I taught high school math for many years.”

I could not believe my ears! She was the perfect person to help me with my math homework! I explained my problem and asked if she would help me. She replied, “You have done so much to help me, so of course I would be happy to help you!” I knew that I would help Mrs. Goodman again whenever she needed me.

Read the paragraphs from the passage.

". . . Today, I need you to clean out my flowerbeds and rake the yard. Do you have any questions?" I paused before answering because I was unsure of how to do either task. I didn't know how to clean out a flowerbed, and the last time I raked leaves my dad helped me. Mrs. Goodman was kind and patient, and I knew I could ask my questions.

Which sentences state the problem Rodney has after Mrs. Goodman tells him what to do? Pick **two** choices.

****A. "'. . . Today, I need you to clean out my flowerbeds and rake the yard.'"

****B. "'Do you have any questions?'"

****C. "I paused before answering because I was unsure of how to do either task."

****D. "I didn't know how to clean out a flowerbed, and the last time I raked leaves my dad helped me."

****E. "Mrs. Goodman was kind and patient, and I knew I could ask my questions."

Read the sentence from the passage.  
  
The wind blew **as cold as ice** across my face as I rang Mrs. Goodman's doorbell, and after what seemed like forever, the door finally opened.  
  
What does the simile "as cold as ice" mean?

****A. cool

****B. dry

****C. freezing

****D. Moist

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

### Part A

Read the sentence from the passage.

"Sorry it took me so long to answer the door, but I am a snail with this knee brace!"

What does the metaphor "l am a snail" suggest about Mrs. Goodman?

****A. She feels very weak.

****B. She is often stubborn.

****C. She moves very slowly.

****D. She wiggles around a lot.

### Part B

Which detail from the passage **best** supports your answer in Part A?

****A. Mrs. Goodman is happy to see Rodney.

****B. Mrs. Goodman used to be a math teacher.

****C. Mrs. Goodman has tasks for Rodney to do.

****D. Mrs. Goodman apologizes for taking so long.

Choose the correct vocabulary word from each drop-down menu to complete the sentences.

My mother loves to take a family          each spring.

If you are unhappy about your grade, you should           your feelings to your teacher.

When I blow bubbles, they           in the air like they are dancing.

How should this sentence be written correctly?

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****A. The tour guide said, look over there and you will see the Japanese cherry blossom trees that were a gift to the American people in 1912.

****B. The tour guide said, “Look over there and you will see the Japanese cherry blossom trees that were a gift to the American people in 1912.”

****C. The tour guide said “look over there.” “And you will see the japanese cherry blossom trees, that were a gift to the american people in 1912.”

****D. The Tour guide said look! Over there and you will see the Japanese cherry blossum trees that were a gift to the American people in 1912!

Choose the correctly spelled word to complete each sentence.

During movie night, we watched a thriler / thriller and it was really scary.

If you water the bud every day, it will blosom / blossom into a beautiful flower.

The group member / memmber helped the other students with their work.

Read the sentence.

When Selena saw a robot for the first time, she thought it was very unusual and extraordinary.

What does the word extraordinary mean?

****A. beyond what is normal

****B. really funny

****C. between two things

****D. beyond what can be seen