

Understanding Unspoken Words

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Exploring Subtext in Literature

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about characters and hidden communication.

1. In the lesson, what does Proverbs 15:1 teach us about communication?

- A. Harsh words are always better
- B. Soft answers can prevent anger
- C. Silence is always the best option

2. Sometimes what isn't said is more important than what is ____.

3. How do the characters in 'Number the Stars' communicate without direct words?

4. Silence can sometimes be a form of protection in communication.

- True False

5. Why might someone choose not to say something?

6. What is subtext in literature?

- A. The main plot of the story
- B. The underlying meaning not directly stated
- C. The author's biography

7. Careful communication can protect people by avoiding ____ and misunderstandings.

8. Authors never use unspoken dialogue in their writing.

- True False

9. What did you learn about hidden communication from this lesson?

10. How can inference skills help in understanding a story?

- A. They make reading faster
- B. They help understand deeper meanings
- C. They are not important

Answer Key

1. Soft answers can prevent anger 2. said 3. They use body language and facial expressions to convey their feelings. 4. True 5. They might want to avoid hurting someone's feelings or protect someone from danger. 6. The underlying meaning not directly stated 7. conflict 8. False 9. I learned that characters can express their feelings and intentions without using words, making the story more interesting. 10. They help understand deeper meanings