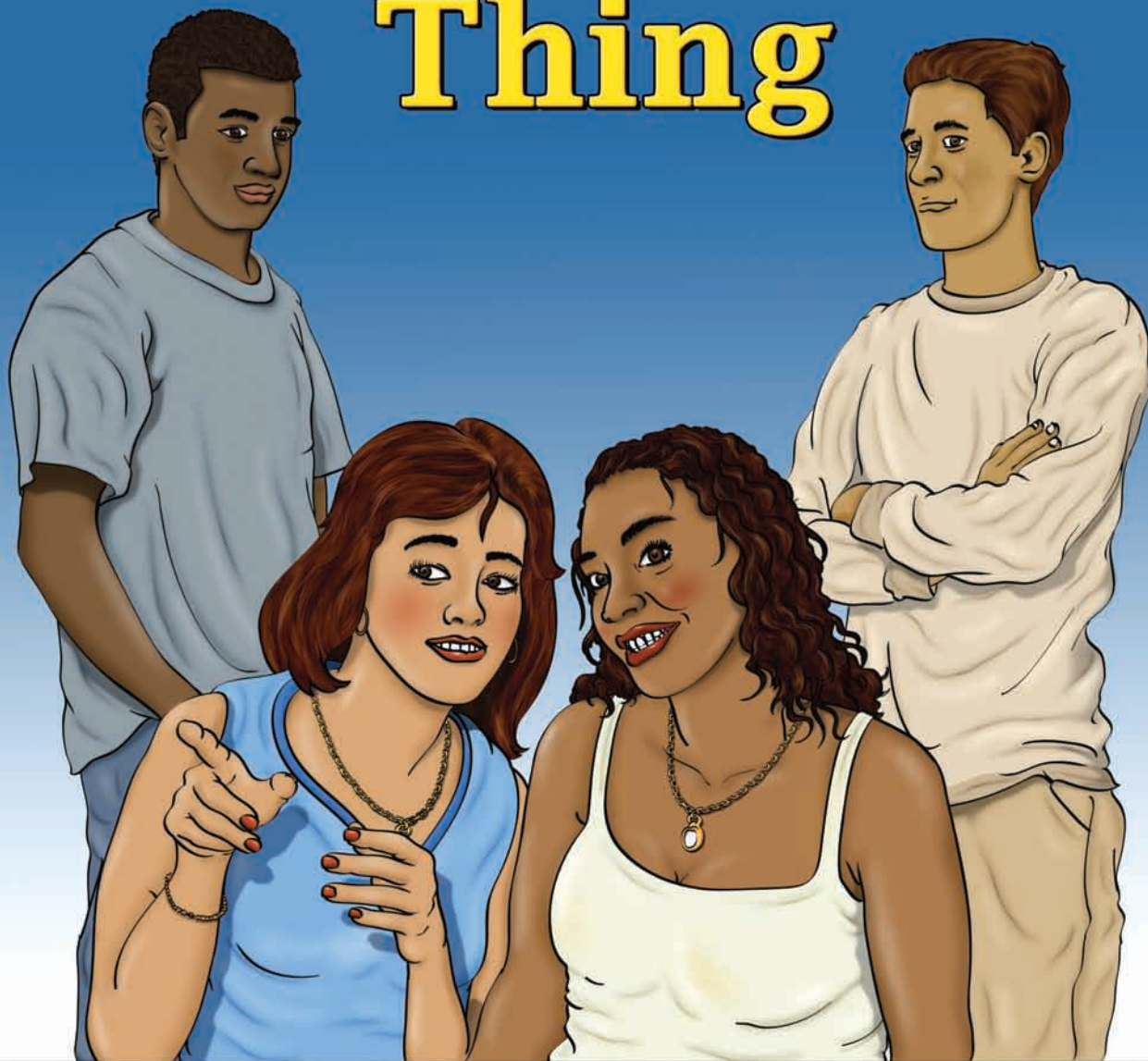


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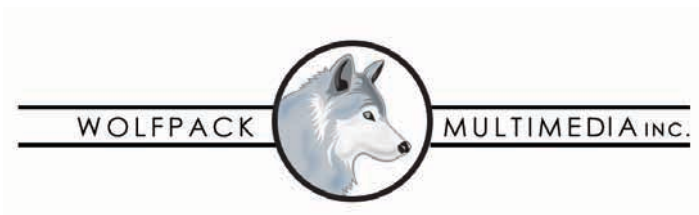
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Vocabulary

immediately – at once, without delay

Jerome immediately braked his bike and skidded to a stop.

skidded – an uncontrolled slide

Jerome's bike skidded to a stop.

curiously – eager or anxious to know

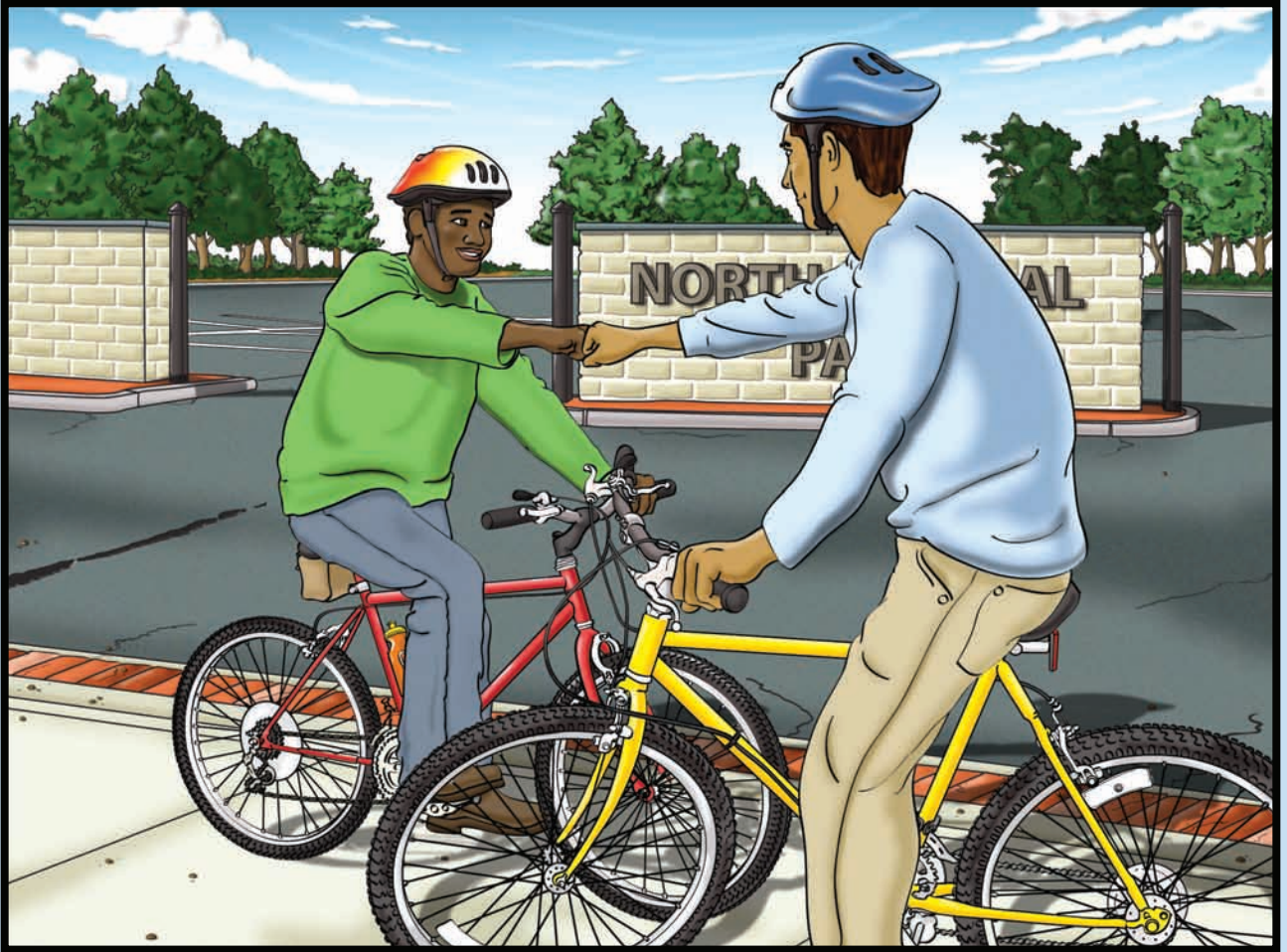
What's up with Rafael?" Alan asked curiously.

rambled – talked on without staying on the topic

Jerome rambled on about a trip to the hospital.

Talking Things Over

Sharing with a Friend



They knocked knuckles as they greeted each other.

Jerome put on his bike helmet and tightened the strap. Next, he clipped his water bottle to the bike frame below his seat. He got on his bike and kicked up the stand. Grinning, he took off.

He and Alan had decided to meet at North Central Park. They planned to ride the bike path as they usually did. Jerome got to the park first. Almost immediately after, Alan braked and skidded to a stop next to Jerome. Both boys laughed. They knocked knuckles as they greeted each other.



“Hey, Jerome. How are things?” Alan asked.

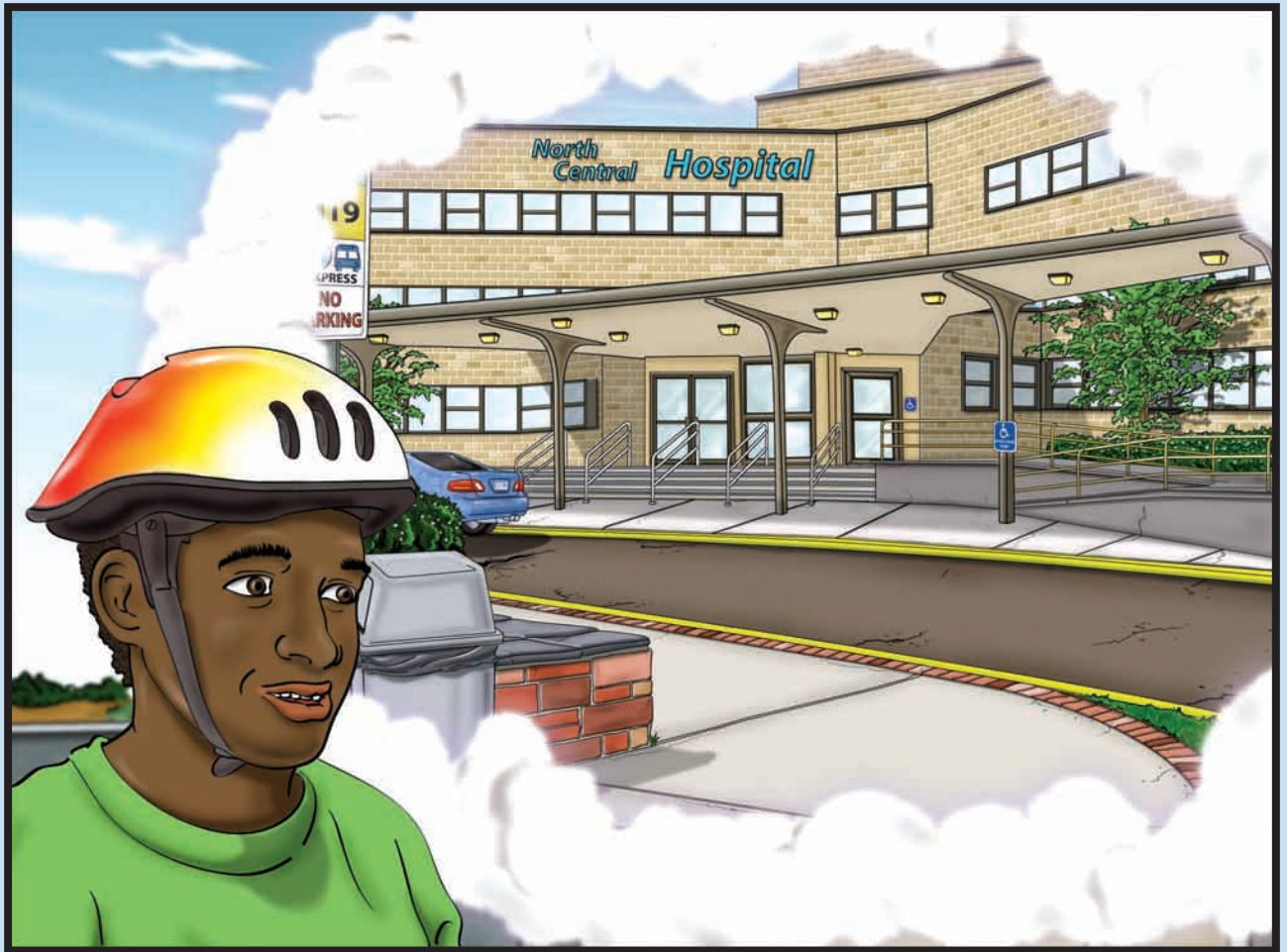
“Hey, Jerome. How are things?” Alan asked.

“OK. How are things by you?” Jerome asked in return.

The two boys had been friends for over a year now and felt comfortable talking with each other about stuff they had never shared with anyone else before.

Jerome paused before continuing, “Hey, Alan, I really need to talk to you about something. I’m worried about Rafael. He’s my friend from BEST-BUY that I told you about.”

“What’s up with Rafael?” Alan asked curiously.



“I’ve been thinking I should visit him.”

Jerome cleared his throat and continued, “Remember Rafael is the guy I told you hasn’t been to work lately. Yesterday, Mr. Daniels, our manager told me that Rafael would be out for a while. He said that Rafael had to go into the hospital. I’m worried about him. I want him to be all right. But if he is going to be staying in the hospital, I guess he isn’t all right.”

“True,” Alan replied thoughtfully.

“So, I’ve been thinking that I should visit him,” Jerome added.



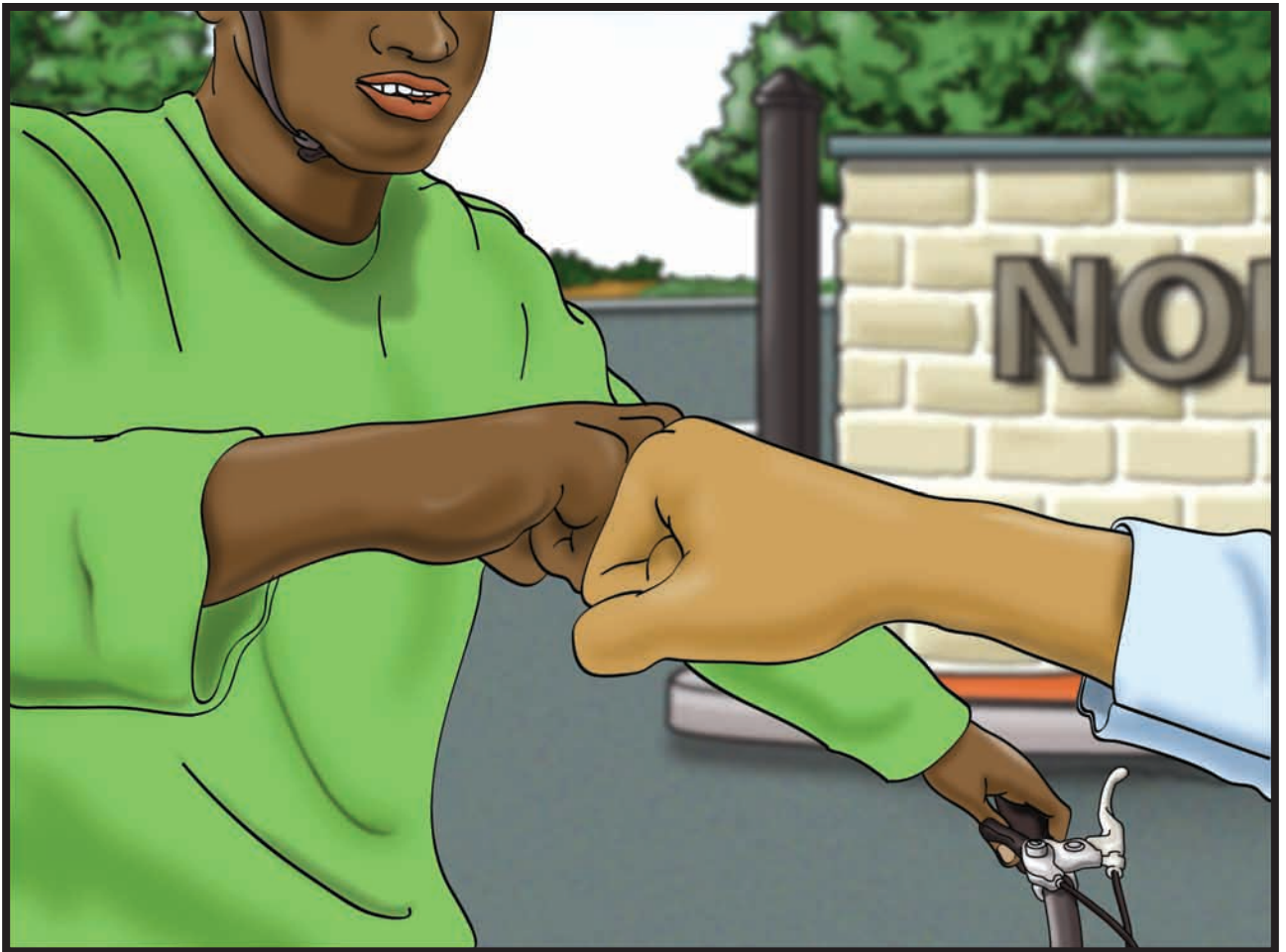
“Want me to go with you?” Alan asked helpfully.

“Yeah, that would be good,” Alan agreed.

Jerome continued, “I bet he could use a friend now. I’ve never visited anyone in the hospital.” Jerome rambled on sounding nervous. “I could get lost or say the wrong thing.”

“Want me to go with you?” Alan asked helpfully.

“Yeah, yeah. That would be great!” Jerome responded. “I would feel much more comfortable if you went with me.”



Questions:

When Jerome and Alan met at North Central Park, they laughed and knocked knuckles. These were signs of:

- a. greeting b. dislike c. anger

Often when people meet, they smile, shake hands, say hello or even knock knuckles. These are all signs of _____.

1. Whom did Jerome meet at North Central Park?
2. How did the boys travel to the park?
3. Why did the two boys feel comfortable sharing with each other?
4. Why did Jerome want to visit Rafael?

Making Plans

Preparing to Attend a Wedding



Alan and his mother discussed Tomas' wedding invitation.

Alan's workweek passed by even more quickly than usual. Throughout the week, he and his mother discussed Tomas' wedding invitation. Alan had hoped that his parents would be able to go with him. He was disappointed and a bit worried when that did not turn out to be possible.

His mother reminded him, "You know that Tomas will be disappointed if you don't attend. Remember that Tomas suggested that you ask Jerome to go. Why don't you? It will be fun for both of you."



“If I ask Jerome, will you coach us both?”

“Hey, Mom, that’s a terrific idea. You know I don’t want to disappoint Tomas. But I feel funny going to a reception alone. I have no idea what to say or do. Will you help me with that? If I ask Jerome, will you coach us both?” Alan asked.

“You know that I will,” his mother said seriously. “Actually, weddings are planned to make guests feel comfortable. Usually, the future bride and groom spend months carefully planning their wedding and reception. You and Jerome will be two of many observers. It will be an opportunity to join with the wedding couple’s family and friends to celebrate their new life together.”



“I think I’ll call Jerome to make sure that he can go with me.”

“What shall I wear? What if I don’t know anyone else?” Alan questioned. I think I’ll call Jerome now to make sure that he can go with me.”

“Great!” Alan’s mom agreed. “Some of the neighbors will also be going so you will know them. At the reception, you will find your name printed on a card on one of the tables. That’s where you will sit during the reception. I bet Tomas has picked out a place for you that will make you feel comfortable. Why don’t you invite Jerome over to our house so we can discuss the details together?”

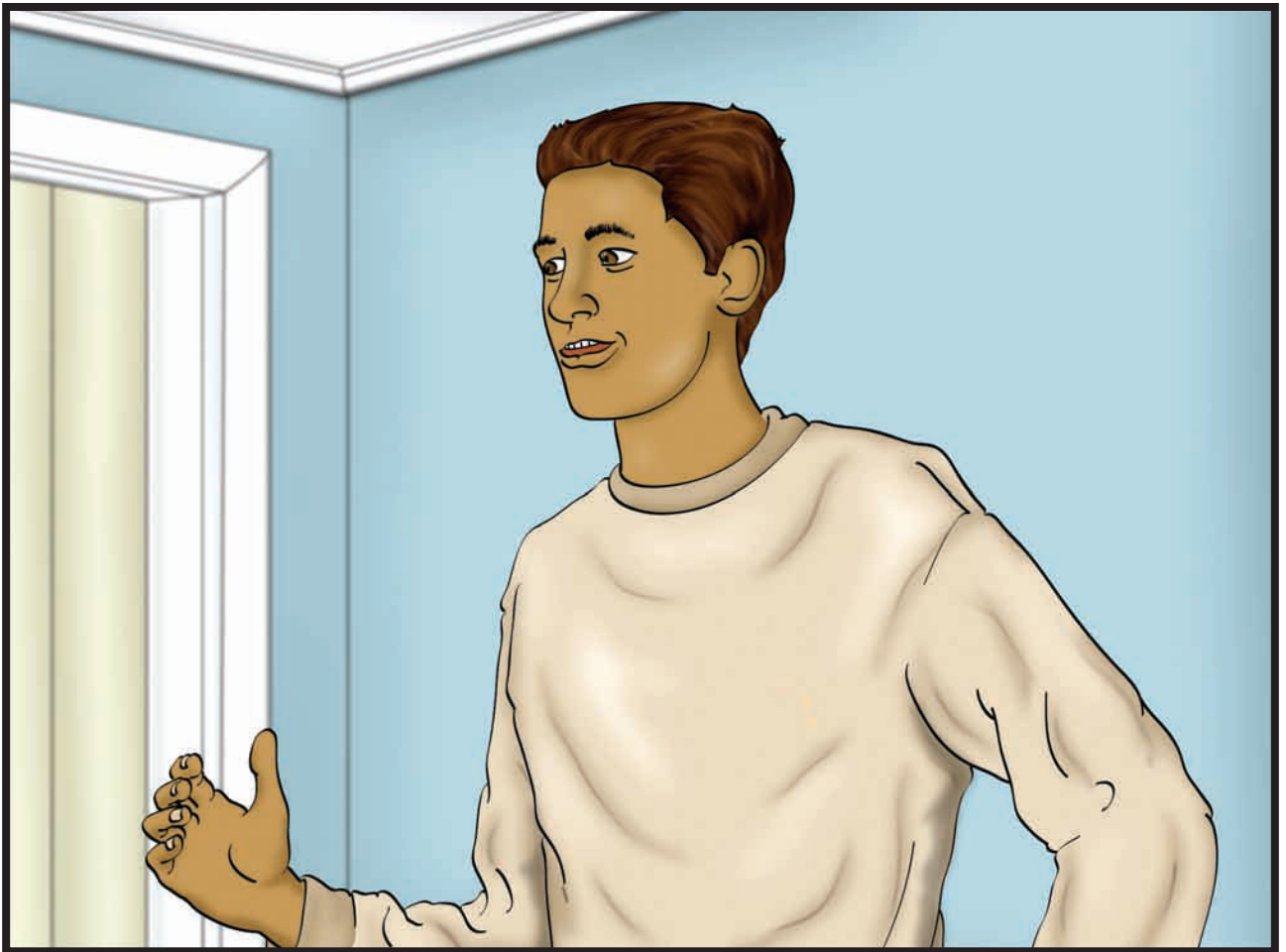


“Will my dress slacks and a jacket look okay?”

“Jerome is going to ride his bike over here now to talk about it with us,” Alan said to his mother. “I’m so glad that he wants to go with me.”

“I’ve been thinking, Mom. I don’t want to wear these ‘monster shoes’ to the wedding. I prefer to wear my other shoes. Will my dress slacks and a jacket look okay? Shall I tell Jerome to wear dress slacks and a jacket, too?” Alan questioned, getting caught up in the wedding excitement.

“Sounds good to me, Alan. One more thing, his mother added, smiling, “If you don’t want Tomas to think we sent our shaggy dog with Jerome, you had better get a haircut.”



Questions:

Jerome said that he would be able to go to the wedding and the reception with Alan. Alan's face and body language showed that he felt:

- a. upset b. angry c. joyful

Our smiles and body language tell others that we feel _____ about something nice that has happened or about some good news we have heard.

1. Who did Alan decide to ask to go to the wedding and reception with him?
2. What did Alan ask his mother to do?
3. Why did Alan feel that he and Jerome needed to be coached for the wedding and reception?
4. Why did Alan's mother tease him about being a shaggy dog?



“Now we’ll have friends we can talk to during the reception.”

Bianca stood watching Alan, Jerome and Maria. She was a bit uncomfortable. She knew Alan from work but she did not know Jerome. Maria often talked about them both.

Alan surprised Bianca. He turned to her with a smile and said, “Hi Bianca. This is my best friend, Jerome.”

Never at a loss for words, Bianca turned to Jerome and said, “Hi. I’m Bianca, Maria’s friend from work. I’m pleased to meet you. Will you be at the reception too?”

Jerome and Alan nodded in agreement. Surprising himself, Jerome spoke up and added, “Great! Now I’ll have someone else to talk to during the reception.”



Questions:

Maria saw that Alan and Jerome were also at the wedding. Her body language and facial expression showed her:

- a. surprise b. horror c. disappointment

When something unexpected happens, our face and body may show _____ before we put our feelings into words.

1. Find the sentences that the minister spoke to end the wedding ceremony.
2. What did Bianca think was so romantic?
3. Why did Maria feel it was magic seeing Alan at the wedding?
4. Why did Bianca feel a bit uncomfortable when Alan and Jerome came over to say hello?