

The Most Beautiful Thing Writer's Workshop



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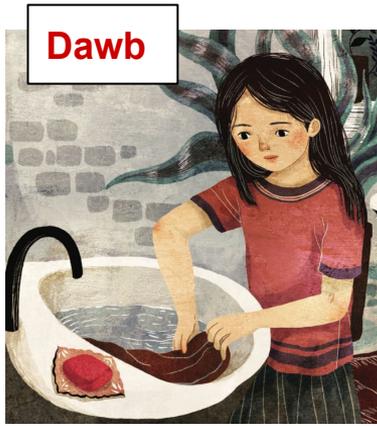
Lesson 1

Writing

In this story, how are family members taking care of each other?

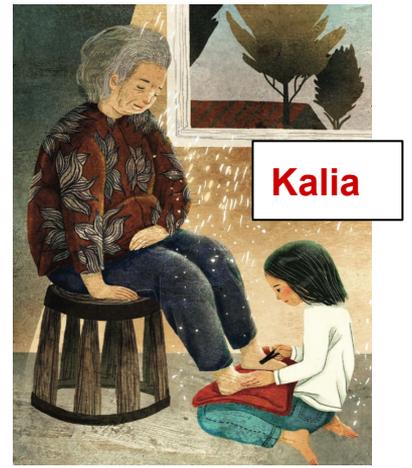
Student Directions:

1. How did the grandchildren care for Grandma?
2. How do you care for your loved ones?
3. How do they care for you?
4. When you are ready to write, open your grade level template.



Dawb

1st Grade - Sentence Frames



Kalia

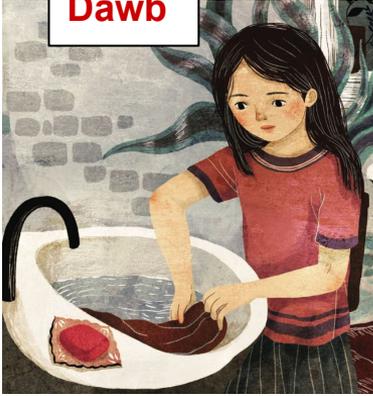
Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by _____



Lei

They are helping her by _____

Dawb



Lei



2nd Grade - Sentence Frames

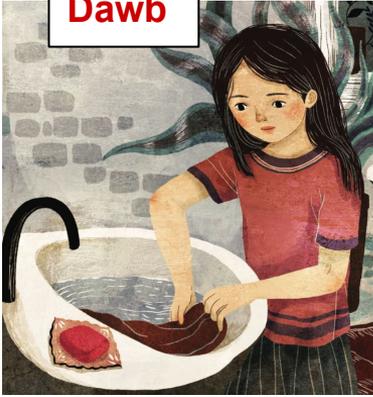
Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by _____



Kalia

How do you care for loved ones?

Dawb



Lei



3rd Grade - Sentence Frames

Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by _____



Kalia

How do you care for loved ones?

How do they care for you?

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Lesson 2

Student Directions:

1. In part two of this story, take a close look at what you see in these two pictures.
2. Write about what you see in picture #1 and picture #2.
3. Next, write about how both of these pictures are similar.
4. Then, write about how pictures #1 and #2 are different.



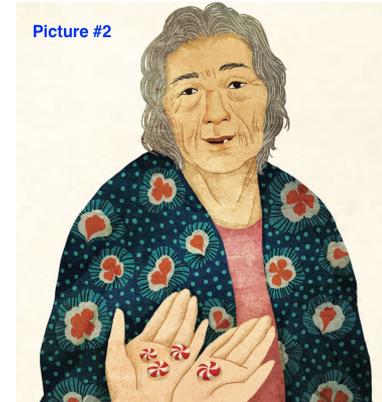
1st Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I see _____.

In the second picture, I see _____.

They both have _____.

They don't have _____.





2nd Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I see _____.

In the second picture, I see _____.

They are alike because they both have _____.

They are different because _____ has _____ and
the _____ doesn't.





3rd Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I notice _____

In the second picture, I notice _____

They are similar because _____

They are different because _____



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Lesson 3

Writing

What is the most beautiful thing to you?

Student Directions:

1. Think about how Grandma's tooth was the most beautiful thing to Kalia.
2. Ask yourself, "What is the most beautiful thing to me?"
3. Think about someone you care about and the beautiful thing that makes them special.
4. Then, write about this special person and what is the most beautiful thing about them.

1st Grade - Sentence Frames



Draw and write about a special person. What is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

2nd Grade - Sentence Frames



Who is someone you care about and what is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

3rd Grade - Sentence Frames

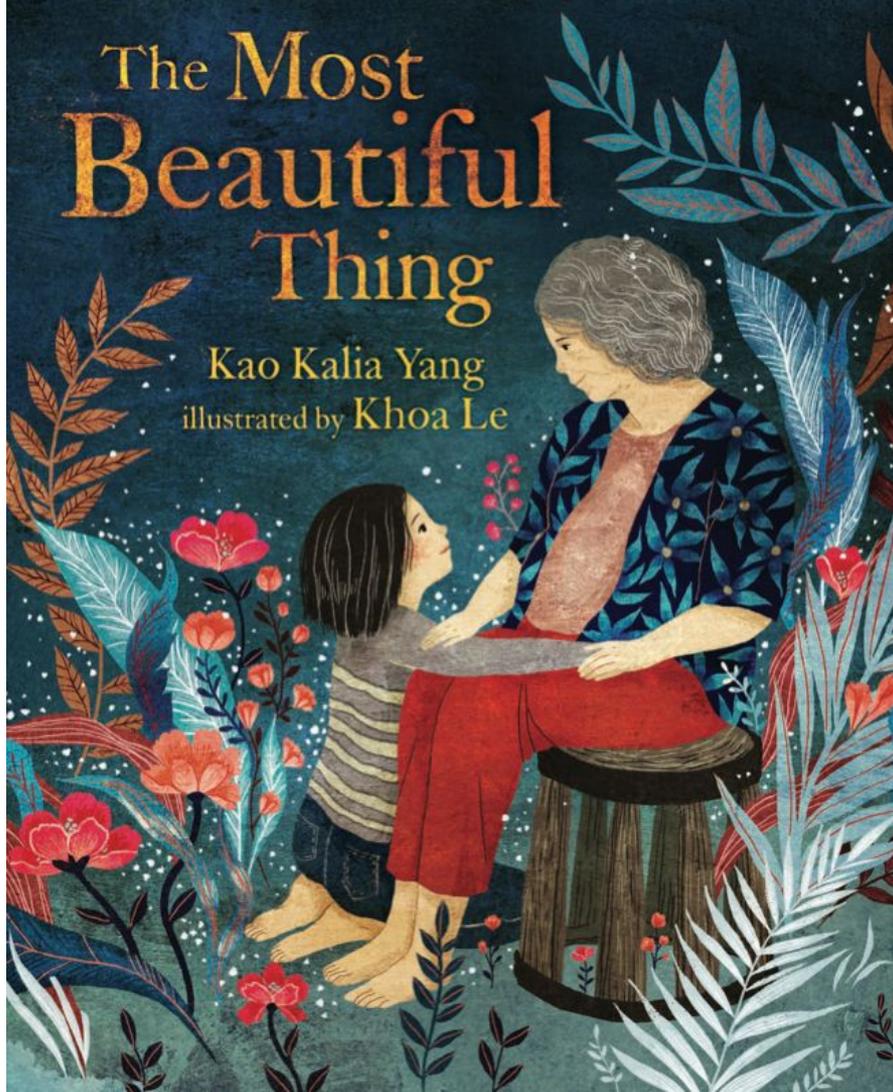


Who is someone you care about and what is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

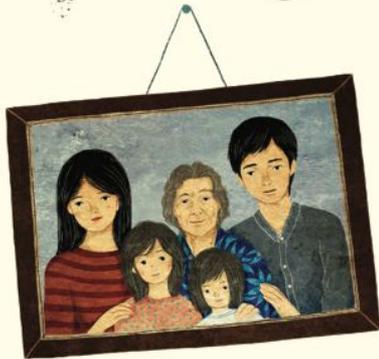
Explain why they are important to you.

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Chue is pronounced CHEW. It means *bell* and can be a name for a girl or a boy.

Dawb is pronounced DUH, with a rising tone. It means *white* and can be a name for a girl or a boy.

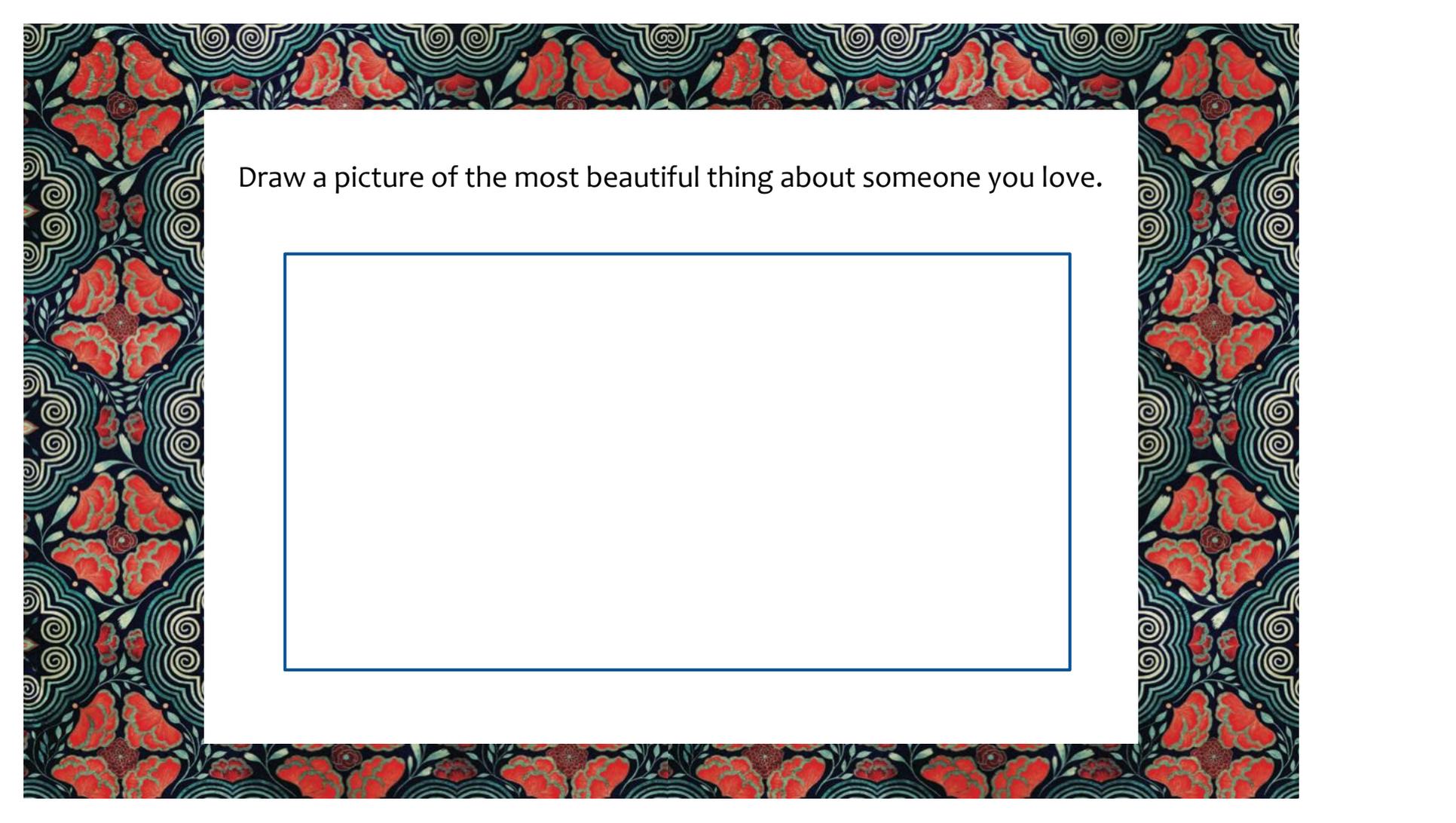
Hmong is pronounced MOHNG. The word refers to a people, an ethnic minority, from Southeast Asia. Starting in 1975, many Hmong families came to the United States as refugees of war.

Lei is pronounced LAY. It is a name for a girl or a boy.

me naib is pronounced MEE NYE with a rising tone at the end. It is a term of endearment for a child, similar to “my dear” or “my darling.”

phim nyu vais is pronounced PEE NYU VYE. The word refers to an evil spirit that causes sickness and death.

pog ntxoog is pronounced BAH TXHONG. The word refers to a female jungle spirit who was once human and is the size of a child.

A decorative border surrounds the central white area. It features a repeating pattern of stylized red flowers with teal and black outlines, interspersed with teal and black swirling patterns on a dark background.

Draw a picture of the most beautiful thing about someone you love.

