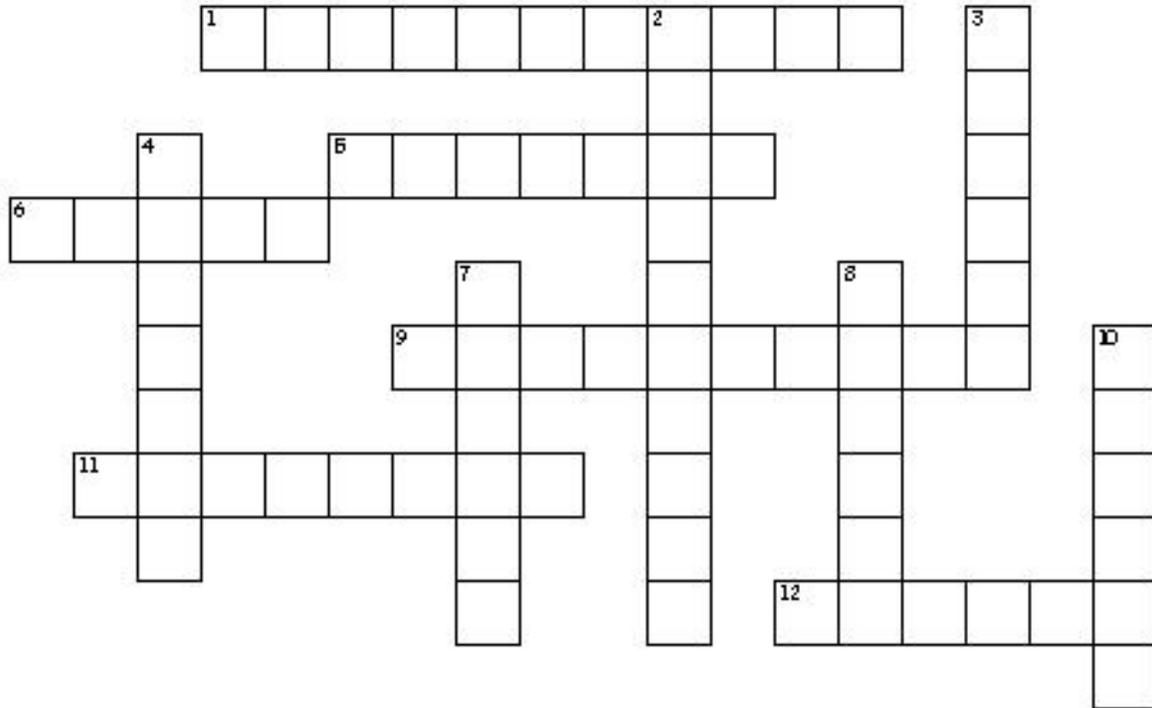


“Seventh Grade” by Gary Soto



Across

- blushing or turning red is a result of feeling this way
- speaking this way leads to confusion
- card players often do this to win when they do not have a good hand of cards
- faith is an example of this type of belief
- a tiger may demonstrate this quality
- one may walk this way after a blizzard

Down

- a shy person may act this way
- a choir often sings in this manner
- the playground demonstrated this atmosphere during recess
- Mr. Celano after eating 1000 doughnuts
- the scent of Axe does this after someone sprays it
- anger may cause one to tremble like this

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Victor lists his one elective, which is _____. He wants to take French because one day he might _____ there. Plus, Victor already spoke _____ and _____. In France, Victor imagines people with _____ skin; he also knows that France has rivers and _____. Victor lives in _____, California.

Victor hopes that Teresa, a girl he met in _____ will be in his French class. He, furthermore, promises himself that Teresa will be his _____ this year. As Victor walked down the hall, he encounters _____.

Victor asks Michael about the _____ on his face, and Michael explains that he has seen _____ scowling in GQ, and he believes that _____ are attracted by these faces.

According to Michael, _____ walked by and noticed his scowl, but Victor thinks Michael looks _____. Michael is taking _____ as his elective, but he isn't good at it even though he is _____.

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In homeroom, Teresa sits _____, and she is reading a _____. Victor thinks about her. As the bell rings, Teresa _____ to talk to her teacher.

As Victor and Teresa leave homeroom together, Teresa says, “_____.” Victor replies, “_____.” In English class, we know that Victor is thinking about Teresa because when the teacher calls on him to give an example of a noun, he says _____.

For lunch, Victor eats _____, _____, _____, and _____. While Michael eats with Victor, Michael practices _____, and girls walk by and _____ at him.

Michael believes that girls _____ his scowls. After Victor eats, he searches for Teresa and finally notices her under the _____
_____. When Teresa’s eyes meet Victor’s, she _____.

Victor and Teresa sit near each other in French class, and their seats are near the _____ of class. Mr. Bueller explains that if the students study hard, they will be able to communicate with the _____ in France. When Mr.

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Bueller asks if anyone can speak French, Victor

Victor's response to Mr. Bueller's question

is _____, which makes no sense. Then, Mr. Bueller asks Victor to repeat his response, and he says, " _____," which is more nonsense, so Mr. Bueller

Victor returns to French class because he

When Teresa compliments Victor for speaking French, Mr. Bueller reacts by

_____ because he remembers _____

_____. As Victor and Teresa leave class together, she asks Victor if he will

_____. Finally, Victor decides that he is going to

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“Seventh Grade” Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions using complete sentences, characters’ names, and specific information from the short story “Seventh Grade.”

1. Why does Victor decide to take French as his elective class?
2. Why does Victor give the answer “Teresa” when his English teacher asks him to give an example of a person as a noun?
3. Why does Victor sit near the front in French class?
4. What happens when Victor volunteers to say something in French?
5. How does Teresa react to Victor’s ability to speak French?
6. How does Mr. Bueller establish a positive relationship with Victor at the end of the story?

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