

UNIT OVERVIEW

The “*Feelings*” unit is a two week unit intended for use during the first few months of Grade One, when children are starting to develop their reading and writing skills. Children write complete sentences, rhyme, put words into alphabetical order, use descriptive words, use context, and use their phonetic knowledge to decode words.

A display of books about feelings should be set up somewhere in the classroom. The books motivate the children and encourage them to read for enjoyment and for information. Children read these books in their spare time and during silent reading.

Section One: Lesson Plans

Section One contains two weeks of lesson plans. The lesson plans describe the different teaching strategies for using the activities in each day’s lesson. Each lesson includes a spelling activity, a brainstorming activity, a study of new words, work in the activity book, work in the writing book, and playing the match game.

Section Two: Student Booklets

Section Two includes two booklets that are ready to be photocopied for student use. The first booklet is the *Feelings Activity Book*. Every topic covered in the activity book includes a paragraph about the topic and a number of language activities related to the paragraph. The second booklet is the *Feelings Writing Book*. The writing book provides space for the children to illustrate each topic and then write a few sentences about the pictures they drew.

Section Three: Parent Pages

Section Three includes ten parent pages. The children take home a parent page at the end of each day’s lesson. The parent pages are



Happy



Sometimes children feel happy. Happy is a good feeling. Children smile when they feel happy. Some children feel happy when they visit a friend. Other children feel happy when they play with a favourite toy.

1. What do children do when they are happy?

2. When do some children feel happy?

3. What makes you happy?



Grumpy



Sometimes children feel grumpy. They do not smile when they feel grumpy. It is okay to feel grumpy. Some children feel grumpy if they don't get enough sleep. Some children feel grumpy if they don't get their own way.

1. Why don't children smile when they are grumpy?

2. When do some children feel grumpy?

3. What do you do when you feel grumpy?

GROUP WORD CARDS

happy

toy

frown

cry

dark