

If You Moved to Another Country

Directions Imagine that you have to move to another country. What things about your life in America would you miss? What things would you want in your new country that would make you feel more at home? Fill in the chart below.

What I Would Miss in My Town	What I Would Want in My New Country

Words to Know

Directions Read the definitions. Then use the words to complete the sentences.

coincidence, *n.* the happening by chance of two or more events at the same time

crumpled, *v.* crushed something together or out of its original shape

expression, *n.* a word or group of words with a particular meaning

flourish, *v.* to grow and develop well

haggled, *v.* argued for the lowest price

landlady, *n.* a woman who owns buildings or land that is rented to others

pet sitter, *n.* someone who takes care of another person's pets

routine, *n.* activities performed at the same time in the same way every day

sacred, *adj.* holy, religious

scat, *v.* to go away or leave quickly

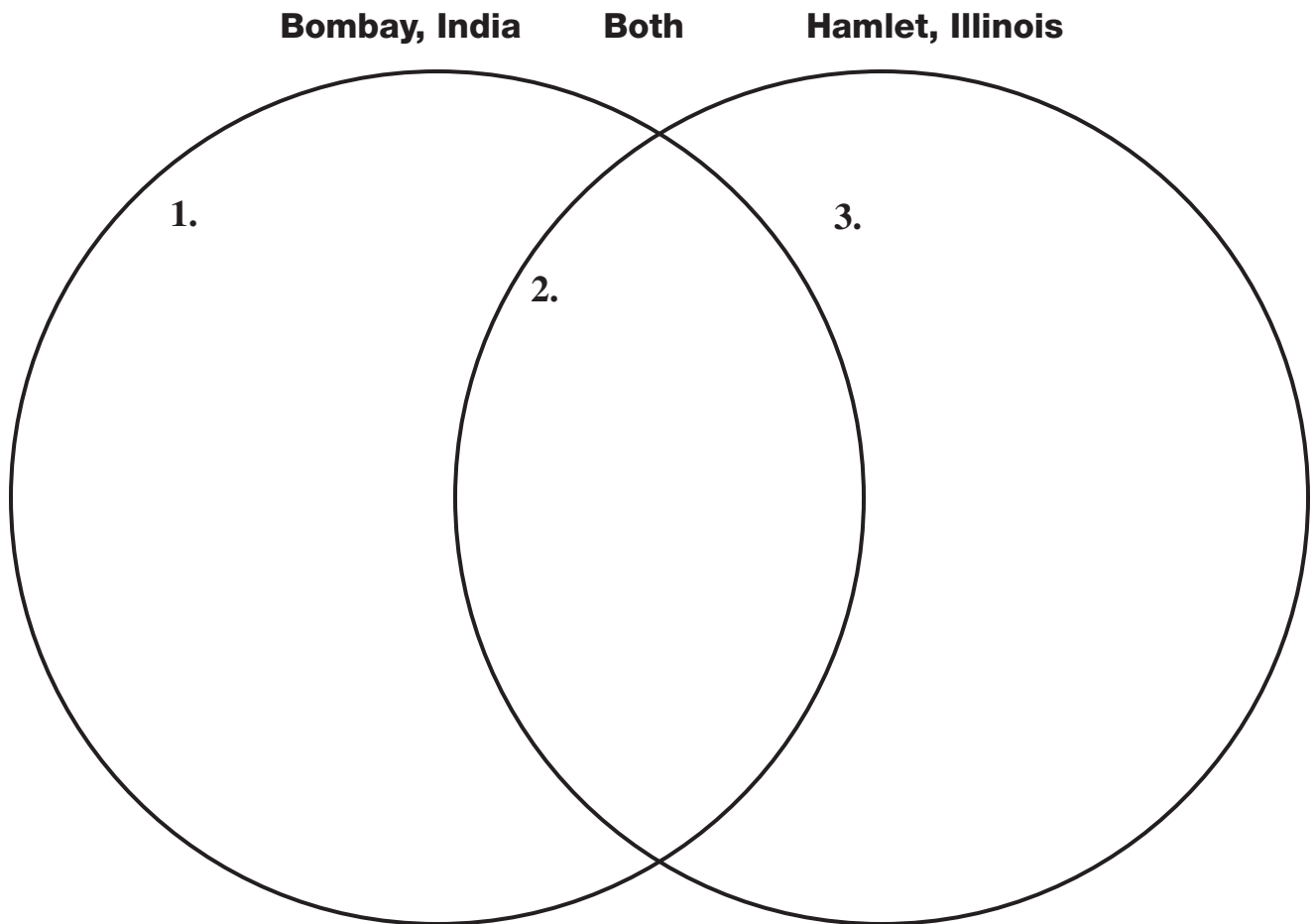
- The customer _____ with the shop owner over the price.
- It was a _____ that the two girls wore the same skirt.
- The flowers will _____ if you give them plenty of water.
- You should call the _____ if something breaks in your apartment.
- The neighbor did not like children in her yard so she told them to _____.
- The church we visited had beautiful _____ objects on the altar.
- My parents hired a _____ to feed and walk our dog while we were away.
- Howdy* is an English _____ that means "hello."
- Brushing my teeth is part of my morning _____.
- Rob made a mistake in his letter so he _____ it up.

Synonyms are words that have the same or nearly the same meaning. For example, *student* and *pupil* are synonyms. Write a synonym for each of the words below.

- crumpled _____
- flourish _____

Life in India and Life in America

Directions In Part 1 of *Lowji Discovers America*, Lowji moves from Bombay, India, to Hamlet, Illinois. In the diagram below, write details you learned about Lowji's life in Bombay in the circle on the left. Write details you learned about Lowji's life in Hamlet in the circle on the right. Where the two circles overlap, write details about Lowji's life that are the same in both places.

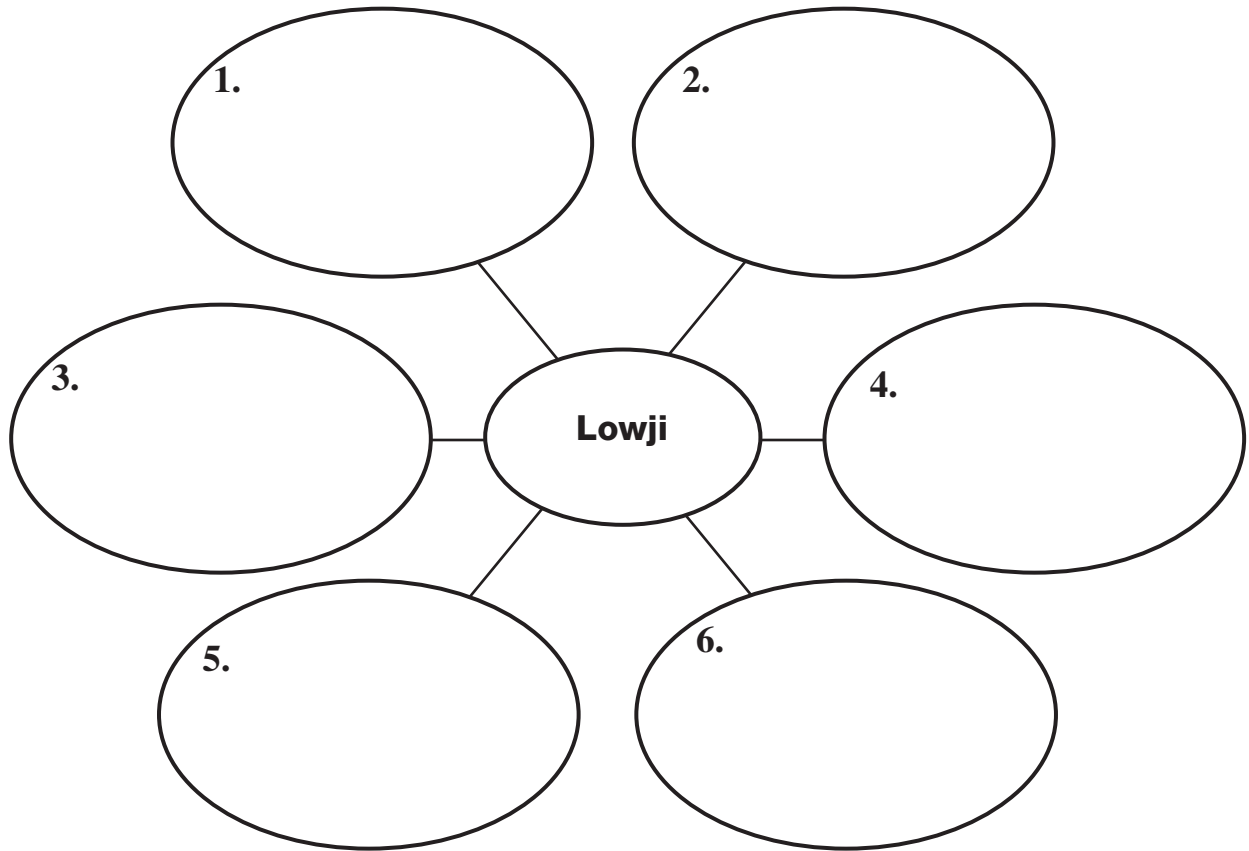


Reader Response Text to Self

4. Lowji's family moved to America because his mother found a new job there. If you could move anywhere in the world, where would you move to? Why?

What Is the Boy from Bombay Like?

Directions Read Part 2 of *Lowji Discovers America*. Fill in the web below with details you learn about Lowji.



7. Look at the details you wrote in the web. What can you conclude about Lowji based on those details?

Reader Response Text to Self

8. Mrs. Crisp gets several different animals to help her with her work. What animal do you think could be helpful to you in your life?

Realistic Events or Fantasy Events?

Directions Read Part 3 of *Lowji Discovers America*. Then use what you know to judge whether or not the events below are realistic. In the second column of the chart, write *Realistic* if the event could happen in real life. Write *Fantasy* if the event could only happen in a fantasy.

Event	Realistic or Fantasy?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trapper catches a mouse. 2. King gets sprayed by a skunk. 3. Lowji rides on Blossom's back as he runs around the neighborhood. 4. Blossom and King destroy a vegetable garden. 5. The rats in Bombay have their own city. 	

6. Why do you think the author includes some events that are realistic and some events that are fantasy?

7. Is *Lowji Discovers America* a realistic story or a fantasy? Tell why you think so.

Reader Response Text to Self

8. Mrs. Pendergast is scared of mice. What is something you are scared of? Why are you scared of it?

Exploring a Metaphor

A **metaphor** is a comparison between two unlike things.

Directions Answer the questions below about how the expression “Every cloud has a silver lining” is used as a metaphor in *Lowji Discovers America*.

1. What do you think the expression “Every cloud has a silver lining” means? What does “cloud” stand for? What does “silver lining” stand for?

2. Why do you think Lowji’s father tells him to “Find the silver lining” before they move to America?

3. In the story, “silver lining” becomes shortened to “silver.” What are some things that are silver to Lowji?

4. How does “finding the silver lining” help Lowji change from the beginning of the story to the end?

Reader Response **Text to Self**

5. Do you think silver is a good metaphor for the positive or happy things in life? What would be your metaphor for all the good in your life?

Selection Test

Directions Mark the space for your answer.

- Why is Lowji looking forward to moving to America?
 He will go to a new school.
 He wants to leave his friends.
 He hopes he will get a pet.
- What does Lowji find in the woods behind his apartment?
 a horse, a cat, and two goats
 a kid's footprints
 a boy who wants friends
- What does the paper bird that Lowji makes stand for?
 his wish
 his age
 his pet bird
- What can you conclude about Lowji based on the way he helps the pig outside All-Mart?
 He does not listen to rules or to what adults tell him to do.
 He cares about animals and knows when they are not well.
 He only cares about impressing other children his age.
- Why does Mrs. Crisp get a cat?
 to catch the mice in the apartment building
 to scare away the other animals in the neighborhood
 to have a pet that she can play with and cuddle
- Whom does Mrs. Crisp teach Lowji about?
 Abraham Lincoln
 the girl next door
 Elvis Presley
- What is something that Lowji and Mrs. Crisp have in common?
 Neither of them likes animals.
 They both wear sacred items.
 They are both from India.
- Which event could not really happen?
 The picture of Jamshed talks to Lowji.
 Lowji and his family move to America.
 Mrs. Crisp gets two goats.
- What is Lowji's last, best idea?
 to go for a walk in the woods
 to write a letter to his friend
 to be Mrs. Crisp's pet sitter
- Whose mystery handprints and footprints were in the woods?
 Trapper's
 Tamika's
 Mrs. Pendergast's