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   C. too many chemicals had been used to prepare the soil.
   D. you can't grow strawberries in California.

3. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order they happen in the novel:

   1. Francisco and Roberto get a job cleaning offices.
   2. Francisco is deported to Mexico.
   3. Francisco performs an Elvis song in front of his class.
   4. Mama, Papa, and the younger children return to Santa Maria.
   5. Roberto finds out he has lost his job as a janitor at the school.

   A. 2, 4, 3, 5, 1
   B. 2, 3, 5, 4, 1
   C. 2, 1, 5, 4, 3
   D. 2, 5, 1, 3, 4

4. Responsibility Requires _____

   A. Action.
   B. Courage.
   C. Effort.
   D. Integrity.

5. The best example of Francisco's and Roberto's responsibility is

   A. they had a great time at the dances at the Vet.
   B. they kept the family home clean and neat for when their family returned.
   C. they sometimes skipped school to go to work.
   D. they spent some money fixing up Roberto's car to impress girls.

6. The correct use of the colon is shown in which of the following examples?

   A. Papa and Joe Garcia borrowed money from a savings and loan company to buy the following: a tractor, tools, wood to build a shed to store them, an outhouse.
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   A. Francisco Jimenez.
   B. Mrs. Jimenez.
   C. Roberto Jimenez.
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10. The word *frequented* in the passage "We wanted to surprise them when they came home, so we *frequented* the public dump on early Saturday evenings to look for discarded paint and linoleum to brighten the inside of our house," most closely means

   A. avoided.
   B. lived at.
   C. often went to.
   D. snuck into.

Week 2 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

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   C. he can run for president of the freshman class.
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   A. a brand new white T-shirt.
   B. a St. Christopher's medal.
   C. a new notebook to write his vocabulary words in.
   D. nothing; he doesn't care about Francisco's education.

3. Francisco is caught in a clash between the two cultures he lives in when

   A. he is offered a fancy steak to eat, but prefers Mama's taquitos.
   B. he steals someone's tennis shoes to get a better PE grade, but his classmates think it's wrong.
   C. he wants to date, but American girls won't go out with him.
   D. his father thinks it's disrespectful to argue, but his social studies class thinks it's good for children to challenge and discuss their opinions with their parents.

4. Francisco's grade in PE suffers when

   A. he doesn't know the rules of basketball.
   B. he isn't able to run the mile.
   C. he refuses to take a shower after class.
   D. his gym shoes are stolen, and he can't afford to replace them.

5. In school, Francisco's best subject is

   A. algebra.
   B. English.
   C. P.E.
   D. social studies.

6. In the sentence "I excitedly tried them on, turning my head away from them to avoid the *foul* smell," the word *foul* most closely means

   A. bad.
   B. funny.
   C. new.
   D. sweet.

7. Place the following events in chronological order:

   1. Francisco finds out you have to go to college to become a teacher.
   2. Francisco gets a job cleaning offices by himself.
   3. Francisco gets athlete's foot from a pair of shoes his brothers found at the dump.
   4. Francisco starts high school.
   5. Ito catches Francisco and Roberto throwing strawberries at each other.

   A. 3, 4, 2, 1, 5
   B. 4, 5, 1, 3, 2
   C. 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
   D. 5, 4, 1, 2, 3

8. The author of *Breaking Through* is

   A. Francisco Jimenez.
   B. Gary Soto.
   C. Roberto Jimenez.
   D. S. E. Hinton

9. The best words to describe how Francisco feels on his first day of high school are

   A. happy and excited.
   B. miserable and depressed.
   C. terrified and nervous.
   D. uninterested and nonchalant.

10. The correct use of quotation marks is shown in which of the following examples?

   A. "No, *viejo,* she countered. They look like two people hugging each other."
   B. "No, *viejo,"* she countered. "They look like two people hugging each other."
   C. "No, *viejo,"* she countered. They look like two people hugging each other.
   D. "No, *viejo",* she countered. "they look like two people hugging each other."

Week 3 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. A good example of responsibility from this week's reading is

   A. Francisco parking the DeSoto several blocks away from school so his friends don't see it.
   B. Francisco picking up the history text book at the university and trying to read it.
   C. Francisco's insistence on paying for the item he finds in the attorney's office.
   D. Roberto's girlfriend dumping him so her dad will buy her a new car.

2. Francisco gets a typing machine by

   A. buying it from a man whose office he cleans.
   B. finding one in the dump.
   C. saving ten cents a week and buying one at a thrift store.
   D. stealing it from the dumpster at his work.

3. In the phrase "…he took pride when people *gawked* at his car," the word *gawked* most closely means

   A. laughed.
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4. On visiting a local college, Francisco is surprised to find that

   A. both boys and girls attend the same classes in college.
   B. he can read and understand a college textbook.
   C. he can take most of his classes in college in Spanish.
   D. many of the students on campus were Mexican.

5. Place the following events in chronological order:

   1. Francisco buys a typing machine.
   2. Francisco gets his driver's license.
   3. Francisco reads a John Steinbeck novel recommended by his teacher.
   4. Francisco struggles in English class, but does well on an autobiographical essay.
   5. Francisco visits a college campus, and dreams about attending one day.

   A. 1, 3, 4, 5, 2
   B. 3, 4, 2, 1, 5
   C. 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
   D. 1, 4, 3, 2, 5

6. Roberto and Susan stop dating because

   A. he finds out she was dating someone else at the same time.
   B. her father does not approve of her dating a Mexican.
   C. Papa does not think that Roberto should date a girl who is not Mexican.
   D. Roberto is a terrible dancer.

7. The best words to describe how Francisco feels after his visit to the college area

   A. excited and sad.
   B. miserable and depressed.
   C. terrified and nervous.
   D. uninterested and bored.

8. The correct spelling is used in which of the following examples?

   A. "No, I did'nt tell him I was born in Mexaco," he said, anticapating my question
   B. "No, I didn't tell him I was born in Mexico," he said, anticapating my question.
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9. The novel Francisco reads that most closely reflects his family's life is

   A. East Side Dreams.
   B. Lord of the Flies.
   C. The Grapes of Wrath.
   D. The Outsiders.

10. When taking his driver's test, Francisco

   A. fails after he forgets to signal when making a right turn.
   B. gets 100% on the behind-the-wheel test, but barely passes the written section.
   C. gets 100% on the written section, but barely passes the behind-the-wheel test.
   D. is ridiculed by the white driving examiner.

Week 4 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "Miss Kellog, the teacher, required our class to follow the 1960 presidential campaign."

   In the above, the subject of the sentence is

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   A. better, because Darlene's stepfather gives Roberto a great job in his company.
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   A. a holiday food drive for poor families
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4. For the Junior Scandals show, Francisco performed

   A. a Mexican comedy act.
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5. Francisco decides to run for class president because

   A. he hopes it will make him more popular, and get him a steady girlfriend.
   B. his friend, Paul Takagi, signs him up for the election in secret, and Francisco doesn't want to disappoint him.
   C. it will help him get into college, and make the local Mexican community proud.
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   A. he believed Kennedy would help poor people.
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8. In the phrase "'Don't be such a *pessimist*,'" the word *pessimist* most closely means

   A. insect, like a fly.
   B. negative person.
   C. person who plays the piano.
   D. pest or rat.

9. Place the following events in chronological order:

   1. Francisco is elected class president.
   2. Francisco participates in the Junior Follies.
   3. Francisco starts to be more active in school activities.
   4. John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States.
   5. Roberto gets married.

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10. The same day that Francisco is elected class president, Papa

   A. announces that it is time for the family to move back to Mexico.
   B. bans all of the children from participating in after-school activities.
   C. injures his hand and loses a finger.
   D. is promoted at work, and is now the head picker for Ito.

Final Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

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   A. he attends church for the very first time.
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   D. the Spanish teacher visits Papa and Mama at home.

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5. B
6. A
7. D
8. A
9. A
10. C

Week 2 Assessment

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. A
10. B

Week 3 Assessment

1. C
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. C
10. C

Week 4 Assessment

1. A
2. D
3. A
4. B
5. C
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. C

Final Assessment

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. C
5. D
6. C
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. B
11. A
12. C
13. A
14. A
15. B
16. D
17. A
18. A
19. C
20. B
21. B
22. D
23. A
24. D
25. A
26. D
27. A