
Unit 4:1 “Laughter,” “Gil’s Furniture Bought & Sold” and “Meme Ortiz”

Text-handling exercises for the chapters “Laughter,” “Gil’s Furniture Bought & Sold” and “Meme Ortiz” in Cisneros’s *The House on Mango Street*.

“Laughter”: Choose the most appropriate response from the options below. Write the letter in the answer box provided.

1. Nenny and Esperanza are similar in

A. the way they look

B. the way they laugh

C. the way they think

D. both A and B

E. both B and C

“Laughter” and “Gil’s Furniture Bought & Sold”: The statements below are either true or false. Tick the correct response and then justify your answer by giving the relevant brief quotation from the text. Both the correct true/false response and the correct quotation are required to gain a mark.

2. Rachel’s laughter is loud and explosive.

True False

Justification: _____

3. Gil’s store is large and clean.

Justification: _____

4. Everything in the store is expensive.

Justification: _____

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"Gil's Furniture Bought & Sold": Using your own words, explain how each of the three characters feels about the music box:

5. Esperanza: _____

6. Nenny: _____

7. Gil, the owner: _____

"Meme Ortiz": match each of the following words from the text with the word on the right that is closest in meaning. Write the appropriate letter in the answer box provided. The first one has been done as an example. NOTE: there are more options than you need.

8. flopping (paragraph 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>		A. moving without control
9. lopsided (paragraph 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>		B. moving slowly
10. scrambling (paragraph 3)	<input type="checkbox"/>		C. symmetrical
			D. uneven
			E. moving quickly