

Gil's furniture...

- 1 . Read again the description of the first page. What impression do you have of the kind of goods sold in the store?
- 2- How do you interpret Esperanza's description of the music box? What happens when Gil starts it up
- 3-What can we infer about Nenny's personality from her response after listening to the music box?
- 4-And about Esperanza?
- 5-What can we say about the shop owner?

Meme Ortiz

- 1-Find adjectives to describe Meme, his mother and the house
- 2- What do we know about Meme?
- 3-What are the things he has in common with his dog?
- 4- What do we know about the house he lives in?

Louise, His cousin and His Other Cousin

- 1-What can you say about Loui's family?
- 2-Who is Marin?
- 3-Who drove the yellow Cadillac?-
- 4- Find words and phrases to describe the car
- 5.Why do you think the kids were so much interested in the car?
- 6-How do you think Loui's cousin got the car?
- 7-What happened in the end?
- 8-How did the kids feel about it?

Marin

- 1.Read again the paragraph about Marin in the previous vignette.
- 2- When Esperanza says that Marin "knows a lot of things", What do you think she is implying?
3. What kind of personality do you think Marin has?
- 4- What does Mari do for a living?
- 5-What is her everyday routine?
- 6- Why are Loui's family unhappy about her?

CONTRADICTION:

- 1- Does she want to return or does she want to stay?

Those Who Don't

- 1- How do non-residents feel about the neighbourhood?
- 2- Why do the people in the neighbourhood feel safe there?
- 3- How do they feel about other neighbourhoods? How do we know?

There Was an Old Woman . She Had So Many Children She Didn't Know What to Do

The title of this vignette is based on a popular nursery rhyme.

- 1- The "Vargas kids" have been mentioned before. Do you remember when?
- 2- According to Esperanza, what is the reason for these kids' behaviour?
- 3- What are some of the troubles they have caused?
- 4- What happened to...
 - a) Efren
 - b) Refugia
 - c) Angel.....?

Alicia Who Sees Mice

- 1-Has Alicia been mentioned before? When?
- 2-Does she have an easy life? Why?
- 3-What is she afraid of? Why?
- 4-Why is Alicia making such an effort to get a degree?

Darius and the Clouds

- 1-What does this vignette tell us about everyday life in the neighbourhood?
- 2-Is Darius a good student. Find the information in the vignette
- 3-Is he well-behaved?. Find the information in the vignette
- 4-Why does Esperanza think he said something wise today?

And Some More

- 1-Who are the people in this vignette?
- 2-Where are they?
- 3-What are they talking about?
- 4-Why do they argue?
- 5-How do you think the argument ends?