Self-Guided Logic Activities #4

Similes, Spoonerisms, and More

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Unit 13 **Time**

Time is the one gauge by which we measure almost everything. Younger people imagine they have an unlimited amount of time. Older people realize time is one of the most precious things that they have in their lives.

- **A**. Here are a few statements about time.
 - Time is measurement.
 - Time is money.
 - Time is both pertinent and irrelevant to birth and death.
 - One thing we can't really control is time.

We often hear that "timing is everything." That can be seen quite clearly in the plans to launch a spacecraft. Another familiar expression is, "Tide and time wait for no one." Procrastinators learn that lesson endlessly.

B. Put a check by any of these things that can be measured by time:

a fashion		_		
a piece of music		_		
a race		_		
a road		_		
a star		_		
a building		_		
a painting		_		
a joke				
love		_		
If so, what is it?			 	
Why can't it be measu	red by time?			

C .	Put a check by any of these things that can be affected by time:		
	a treaty between two nations		
	a virus		
	skill		
	malaria		
	truth		
Is t If s	here anything that isn't affected by time?		
Wh	y isn't it affected by time?		

- **D**. Write a *cinquain* about time. A cinquain is a short poem that doesn't rhyme. Here is a cinquain that reflects one person's view about the inevitable and destructive effects of time.
 - Moving Relentless force Constructing, tearing down Customs, heroes, knowledge, bodies— Time.

The cinquain on the previous page is somewhat typical of the form. One type of cinquain has a pattern of two, four, six, eight, and two syllables for each of the five lines.

A simpler scheme is to have one word, two words, three words, four words, and one word on each line, with a certain number of syllables in each line:

- The first line has two syllables and is the subject of the poem.
- the second line has four syllables and describes the subject.
- The third line has six syllables and expresses an action.
- The fourth line has eight syllables and expresses a feeling.
- The last line has only two syllables again and is another name for the subject.

As you can see, the cinquain about time fulfills all of the requirements for both schemes, except for one line. What line doesn't fulfill both requirements? ______ You shouldn't be too concerned about following exactly either pattern, however. Choose words that come naturally to you, words that will communicate your idea about time.



Date

Student Self-Check Time

Here are some interpretations of how time is related to the various items in the unit:

- a fashion: Certainly fashions change with time, and clothes become outdated.
- a piece of music: Time is very important in music; notes have different time values, and pieces are prescribed in certain rhythmical patterns (e.g., waltz time).
- a race: Most, but not all, races in athletics are measured by time—yacht races, foot races, horse races, and swim races are measured with watches.
- a road: Roads are considered old or new, and experts predict how much time will pass before they need repairing.
- a star: The basic reckoning of time is done by calculating the movements of the stars, especially the sun.
- a building: Buildings, like roads, are considered old or new, and they have predictable lifetimes.
- a painting: The paint and canvas of old paintings are tested to determine their age; the test results can reveal whether or not the painting is a fake of an old master painting.
- a joke: We certainly make note of jokes that are very old and have been heard many times.
- love: There is such a thing as "young love"—and there is also "old love"—because we pay attention to how long the love has existed.

You may think of something that can't be measured by time, something that is literally timeless. Such concepts are mystical or religious.