

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:

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|------------------|-------|
| a fashion | _____ |
| a piece of music | _____ |
| a race | _____ |
| a road | _____ |
| a star | _____ |
| a building | _____ |
| a painting | _____ |
| a joke | _____ |
| love | _____ |

Is there anything that can't be measured by time? _____

If so, what is it? _____

Why can't it be measured 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 there anything that isn't affected by time? _____

If so, what is it? _____

Why 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.

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- a fashion: Certainly fashions change with time, and clothes become outdated.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.