**Worksheet B**

*The Maid* by Nita Prose

Chapters 19, 20, 21

1. **What do we find out about Juan Manuel’s difficult situation? Why did he feel he had to work with Rodney? (Pgs. 201-203)**
   1. Juan Manuel actually never worked with Rodney, it was his twin brother instead.
   2. Juan Manuel was manipulated by Rodney into handling drugs due to his vulnerable immigration status and Rodney’s threats against his family.
   3. Juan Manuel is a drug addict and wanted access to Rodney’s drugs at the hotel.
   4. They are close childhood friends from Mexico and agreed to a joint business venture.

**Can you think of a situation when someone tried to manipulate you? How did you feel? How did you resolve the problem?**

1. Yes; I felt betrayed. 😞
2. Yes; I felt surprised. 😱
3. Yes; I felt angry 😡
4. No; usually I am the one who manipulates others. 🫣

**2. Molly is anxious about the trouble she’s in, but she also feels something else when Charlotte, Mr. Preston, and Juan Manuel are with her in the apartment (Pg. 200). What is this feeling? Why do you think she feels this way?**

1. Molly feels fear; she doesn’t think Charlotte is on her side after all.
2. Molly feels frustrated; everyone is making plans without considering her viewpoint.
3. Molly feels angry; Mr. Preston and Charlotte are making too many demands.
4. Molly feels companionship; it is the first time in a long time she is not alone since her Gran passed away.

**Can you think of a time when you felt two opposite emotions at the same time? What happened to cause these emotions?**

1. Yes, it happens all the time.
2. It happens sometimes, but usually only one emotion takes over.
3. No, I am never confused about what I’m feeling.

**3.** **In Chapter 20, Molly initially feels unsure and doubtful about the plan. Given what we know about Molly, why do you think this situation is especially hard for her, even though it might clear her name? (Pg. 206)**

1. For Molly, honesty is always the best policy.
2. Molly is antisocial and doesn’t like interacting with others.
3. Molly is lazy and doesn’t want to do all this extra work.
4. Molly actually killed Mr. Black; she doesn’t want the plan to reveal evidence against her.

**When you feel doubt, what or who helps you find encouragement?**

1. My wife/husband
2. My brother/sister
3. My best friend(s)
4. Other (write in what or who here): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.** **During their meeting at the Olive Garden, how does Rodney react to Molly’s comments? (Pgs. 211-214).**

1. Rodney is calm, cool, and collected; this concerns Molly.
2. Rodney reacts with surprise and discomfort, revealing more than he means to.
3. Rodney doesn’t show up to their meeting, causing Molly to rethink her situation.
4. Rodney goes into a fit of rage and denies everything.

**What are some signs that someone is lying to you? Think of an example from your life. There are no wrong answers!**

1. They avoid eye contact or look away a lot.
2. They change their story or their story doesn’t make sense.
3. They are “too rehearsed”; they speak calmly and sound scripted.
4. They move around or talk a lot and seem nervous.

**5.** **As Molly and Rodney finish their meeting, she makes Rodney pay for the meal and says, “It really is a shame you don’t like jigsaw puzzles… I don’t think you quite know the pleasure one feels when suddenly, all the pieces come together.” (Pg. 214).**

**What does Molly mean by this? Why is this important for her character?**

1. Molly is hinting that she still loves Rodney and wants to run away with him; she wants to abandon her plan with Mr. Preston, Charlotte, and Juan Manuel.
2. Molly is suggesting that she is the one killed Mr. Black to protect Giselle from his abuse.
3. By using a puzzle metaphor for understanding the truth, Molly has turned the tables on Rodney and shows she is in control now.
4. Molly thinks that Rodney is innocent and that Mr. Preston is the real killer.

**Have you ever figured something out after struggling with it for a long time? What was it? How did it feel when “all the pieces” finally came together?**

1. Yes; I felt like a genius
2. Yes; I felt relieved
3. Kind of; I always feel that I’m still missing something
4. No; I can always see the full picture right away.

**\*Do you have any predictions for what will happen next? Anyone new on your suspect list? *Drop some names below!***