

# UNIT 2



## 1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- What are the men doing?
- What is unusual about them?

Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again.

- What do you think this story is about?
- Can you guess what happens?

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# Fifty Good Friends

**M**anuel Garcia had stomach cancer. The doctors told him, "You need chemotherapy to stop the cancer."

Manuel went to the hospital for chemotherapy. Chemotherapy is strong medicine. After a few weeks of chemotherapy, Manuel's hair began to fall out. Soon he had no hair.

Manuel was depressed. He felt strange without hair. He didn't want people to see him.

One day Manuel's brother and three other relatives visited Manuel in the hospital. Manuel was surprised when he saw them. They had no hair! "You shaved your heads!"

Manuel said. Manuel began to laugh. The other men laughed, too. "Please be quiet," the nurse said. But the nurse was smiling.

When Manuel came home from the hospital, friends and relatives came to visit him. "We want to shave our heads," they said. "We want to look like you." Manuel shaved their heads. He also shaved his sons' heads. In one day he shaved fifty heads. Manuel's wife wanted to shave her head, too. "No!" said Manuel.

At the hospital Manuel was depressed because he had no hair. Now he is not depressed. "I'm ready for anything," he says.

## 2. VOCABULARY

Look at the picture and complete the sentences. Find the right words. Circle the letter of your answer.

- The men in the picture are Manuel Garcia's friends and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - sisters
  - doctors
  - ☒ relatives
- They have no hair because Manuel \_\_\_\_ their heads.
  - shaved
  - painted
  - studied
- Now they all \_\_\_\_ like Manuel.
  - walk
  - talk
  - look
- Manuel's friends shaved their heads. Manuel laughed. Now he is not \_\_\_\_\_. Now he is ready for anything.
  - happy
  - depressed
  - sick

### 3. COMPREHENSION

## UNDERSTANDING CAUSE AND EFFECT

**Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.**

1. Manuel Garcia went to the hospital C
2. Manuel's hair fell out \_\_\_\_\_
3. Manuel was depressed \_\_\_\_\_
4. Manuel's friends and relatives wanted to shave their heads \_\_\_\_\_
5. Manuel is not depressed now \_\_\_\_\_
- a. because they wanted to look like Manuel.
- b. because he has fifty good friends.
- c. because he needed chemotherapy.
- d. because he had no hair.
- e. because chemotherapy is strong medicine.

## UNDERSTANDING QUOTATIONS

**Who said it? Match the sentences and the people. Write the letter of your answer on the line.**

1. d "You need chemotherapy."  
2. \_\_\_\_ "Please be quiet."  
3. \_\_\_\_ "We want to look like you."  
4. \_\_\_\_ "I'm ready for anything."
- a. the nurse  
b. Manuel  
c. Manuel's friends and relatives  
d. Manuel's doctors

## REVIEWING THE STORY

**Complete each sentence. Then read the story again and check your answers.**

Manuel Garcia went to the hospital for chemotherapy. Chemotherapy is strong medicine<sub>1</sub>. Manuel's hair began to fall out. Soon Manuel had no                     <sub>2</sub>.

Manuel was \_\_\_\_\_ because he had no hair. Manuel's  
brother and three other relatives visited him in the hospital. They had no hair.

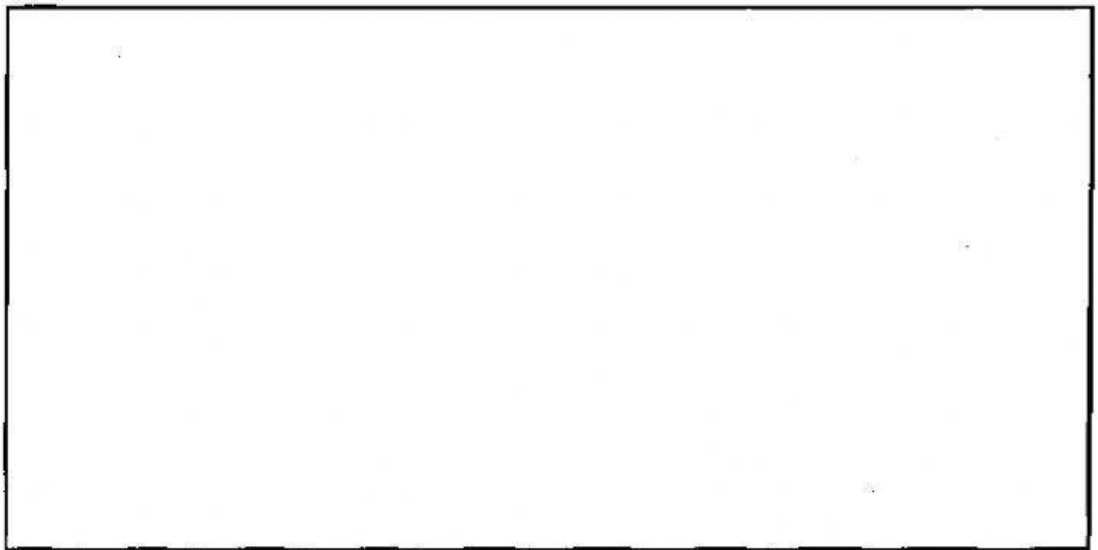
"You \_\_\_\_\_<sub>4</sub> your heads!" Manuel said. Manuel's friends and relatives wanted to look like him. In one day Manuel shaved fifty

\_\_\_\_\_<sub>5</sub>.

Manuel laughed with his friends and felt better. Now he is not depressed. He's ready for \_\_\_\_\_<sub>6</sub>.

#### 4. **WRITING**

Manuel had fifty good friends. Think about one of your good friends. First, draw a picture of your friend here.



Now write about your friend. Complete the sentences.

My friend's name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I met my friend in \_\_\_\_\_.

My friend lives in \_\_\_\_\_.

He/she is \_\_\_\_\_.

He/she likes \_\_\_\_\_.

Together we \_\_\_\_\_.

I like my friend because \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 5. **DISCUSSION**

Read the sentences you wrote above to a partner. Tell your partner a little more about your friend.