



DEEPENING: READING AND WRITING COMPREHENSION



A Secret Night in Santa Cecilia

One evening in Santa Cecilia, Miguel was helping his grandmother clean an old storage room. Inside a dusty box, he found several photographs, old letters, and a small notebook.

Miguel opened the notebook carefully and discovered unfinished song lyrics.

He looked surprised and whispered,
“Someone in my family **could write** music...”

At that moment, his cousin Rosa entered the room.

Miguel showed her the notebook and said,
“**Can you** keep this secret?”

Rosa nodded quickly.

Then she asked,
“**Could we** read the rest together?”

Miguel smiled and replied,
“Yes, **you can.**”

As they continued reading, Rosa looked at the old pages and said,
“**We could ask** Grandpa about these songs tomorrow.”

Miguel thought it was a good idea.

Then they found a note that said:

*“Music **may bring** people together when words are not enough.”*

Miguel stayed silent for a moment. The message felt important to him.

Suddenly, they heard footsteps outside the room.

Rosa looked nervous and whispered,

“It might be Abuelita!”

Miguel closed the notebook immediately.

A few minutes later, his father opened the door and smiled.

“You may stay here,” he said,

“but it may become very late soon.”

After he left, Rosa laughed softly.

Miguel looked at the old notebook again and thought,

“Maybe music can change my family someday.”

That night, he didn't play the guitar.

He simply sat quietly, imagining all the stories hidden inside those pages.

1. According to the text complete

- a. Where was the notebook?
- b. Who entered the room?
- c. What was inside the notebook?
- d. Who might be outside the room?
- e. What idea did Rosa suggest?

2. According to the text choose the correct answer.

Why is the notebook important to Miguel?

- a. It helps him understand something about his family.
- b. It teaches him how to play guitar.
- c. It belongs to Rosa's teacher.
- d. It contains money and photographs.

Why did Rosa feel nervous?

- a. She lost the notebook
- b. She heard footsteps outside
- c. Miguel was angry
- d. The room was dark

What can we infer about Miguel from the story?

- a. He is not interested in family history.
- b. He enjoys discovering hidden stories.
- c. He wants to leave his house immediately.
- d. He dislikes music completely.

Which modal verb in the story expresses UNCERTAINTY?

- a. can
- b. could
- c. may
- d. might

What is the atmosphere of the story MOST of the time?

- a. Funny and chaotic
- b. Romantic and emotional
- c. Mysterious and curious
- d. Competitive and stressful

3. According to the text, match the emotion with the correct situation.

Miguel finds the notebook.	Calm
Rosa hears footsteps outside.	Excited
Miguel imagines stories from the notebook.	Curious
Miguel opens the dusty box.	Surprised
Rosa wants to read the notebook.	Nervous

Writing section.

Imagine you find an old object in your house that may hide an important family story.

Write two paragraphs (150 words) about:

- what you found,
- who could help you understand it,
- what might happen next,
- and what you can learn from it.

