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## Text Dependent Question Menu for *A Bike Like Sergio's* by Maribeth Boelts

Text Dependent Question	Category	Bullseye Response/Criteria for Success
Who is the narrator of this story? Where in the text did you figure that out?	Plot and Setting	Ruben is the narrator. When he gets home from the store, his mother says, "My Ruben." This tells me his name is Ruben.
The narrator tells us, "Sergio forgets there's a difference between his birthday and mine." What does he mean by this? What does it tell us about the narrator and his family?	Character	He means his birthday won't be like Sergio's. Sergio probably gets expensive presents, but the narrator probably doesn't. Maybe it means they don't have a lot of money.
In the beginning of the story, what is Ruben's problem? What line(s) in the story make you think so? How does Ruben's problem change throughout the story? What line(s) in the story show this change?	Plot and Setting	In the beginning of the story, Ruben's problem is that he wants a bike, but he can't afford one. I know because he says, "Every kid has a bike but me." He also says, "wishes won't make money appear." He has another problem later when he loses the money. I can tell when he says, "Rain and tears feel the same. It's nowhere." Finally his problem is that he feels guilty about having the money. He says, "And like a hot blast, I remember how it was for me when that money was hers-then mine-was gone."
How is the narrator feeling when he first brings the money home? How can you tell?	Character	He is feeling a little excited and a little guilty. I can tell he is excited because he is shaking and thinking about riding. I can tell he is feeling guilty because he pretends to be asleep when his dad gets home.
The narrator tell us "My feet are frozen.." What does that mean in the sentence and why is Ruben feeling this way?	Figurative Language and Character	It means he feels like he can't move. He is standing still because he is surprised to see the lady in the blue coat, and maybe a little worried to see her.

<p>After Ruben gives back the money, it says the lady in the blue coat's face "changes from surprised....to joyful...to soft." What do those changes show about what she might be thinking?</p>	<p>Character</p>	<p>She may be surprised that Ruben had the money or gave it back. She's joyful because she has her money back, and her face might be soft because she knows it was hard for Rube to give the money back.</p>
<p>The narrator decides to give the money back. What clues are there in the text that reveal he will do this before he does?</p>	<p>Plot and Setting</p>	<p>When Mom asks Ruben to pick up orange juice, Ruben can "feel the sweat" and he thinks, "What if the lady in the blue coat is here?" This shows he is feeling guilty about having the money. He never tells his parents he has it, which also shows he is feeling uneasy about having the money.</p>
<p>When mom is making her grocery list, the narrator says, "Me with the hundred in my backpack. Her, crossing things off." What does this comparison between Ruben and Mom reveal to us about Ruben's thoughts and feelings?</p>	<p>Character</p>	<p>This shows us again that Ruben is feeling guilty. His mom doesn't have enough money for all her groceries and he has one hundred dollars. He is probably thinking that it isn't fair or right.</p>
<p>How is the narrator feeling after giving back the money?</p> <p><u>Scaffold</u>: What does it mean to be happy AND mixed up? Full with what's right AND empty with what's gone?</p> <p>Why is he feeling that way?</p>	<p>Character and Figurative Language</p>	<p>He is feeling a lot of different ways. He's happy that he gave the money back and mixed up, because he really did want to use it to buy a bike. He's full with what's right since he did the right thing. He's empty with what's gone because he doesn't have the money he used to have.</p>
<p>What is Ruben's dad trying to tell him after Ruben tells what happens?</p> <p><u>Scaffold</u>: What does he mean it wasn't easy but it was right?</p>	<p>Theme</p>	<p>He's trying to tell him that he's proud of him for doing the right thing, even though it wasn't what he wanted to do. It would have been easy to keep the money, but it was right to give it back.</p>