**Unit 3: Resources in Our Communities** 

## WEEK 2 Day 3



## Text Talk A Chair for My Mother Read 1 of 3

Big Ideas	People make exchanges to obtain the goods and services they need and want.
	People make choices as consumers.
Weekly Questions	What do people need? What do people want?
Content Objective	I can describe the major events of a story. (RL 1.3)
Language Objective	I can use simple and compound sentences to answer questions about key details in a collaborative discussion. (SL.1.2, L.1.1a)
Vocabulary	<ul> <li>change: coins</li> <li>tip: extra money given to someone who has offered a service</li> <li>bargain: a good that is offered at a price lower than expected</li> <li>savings: money someone has set aside, that is not available for spending</li> <li>velvet: a kind of fabric or cloth that is extra soft on one side</li> <li>spoiled: harmed or ruined</li> <li>charcoal: burned wood</li> <li>ashes: gray powder that is left when something has burned</li> <li>bank: a company that keeps, lends, and pays out money that people</li> <li>deposit</li> <li>delivered: brought from one place to another</li> </ul>
Materials and Preparation	• A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. Williams Pre-mark page numbers in the book to correspond with the lesson. Page 2 is the page that begins, "My mother works as a waitress…"

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	<ul> <li>name on one sticky note. Chil in the lesson (page 8).</li> <li>chart paper Prepare the following debate notes below "Need" and "Wa reasons below (on Day 5).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>markers <ul> <li>As children gather for the lesson, have each child write her/his name on one sticky note. Children will hold onto these until needed in the lesson (page 8).</li> <li>chart paper Prepare the following debate chart. Allow sufficient spaces for sticky notes below "Need" and "Want" and then for writing children's</li> </ul></li></ul>	
	Need	Want	
	[names]	[names]	
	On the whiteboard, write: Why did the girl, her mama, a a jar? What happened in the story a	Ind grandma start putting money into after they filled up the jar?	
<b>Opening</b> 1 minute	For now, you'll hold your stick this chart in a few minutes. [R	y note in your lap; we'll put them on refer to debate chart]	
	Set a purpose for reading. Today we'll read A Chair for N read to understand what hap	Ay Mother by Vera B. Williams. We'll pens, and we'll describe the most eading, pay attention to who is telling	
Text and Discussion 16 minutes	Who is telling the story?		
page 2			

page 4	We know that her mother works as a waitress. Customers leave a waiter or waitress <b>tips</b> —extra money—for the service they give. The tips might be dollars or coins. The word <b>change</b> has different meanings. Here, it means coins, instead of paper dollars. The "change from tips" means the coins from the tips she collects. She probably puts the dollars someplace else, to use for purchases the family needs to make.
page 6	Read the sentence that begins "Whenever she gets" twice. What does this sentence mean? As needed, define the words <b>bargain</b> and <b>savings</b> .
page 8	<ul> <li>We just started getting to know this family. Do you think that a new chair is a need or want for them?</li> <li>Invite children to place their sticky note names on the Debate chart under the "Need" or "Want" column, according to their opinions.</li> <li>Once all the names are on the chart, invite a few children to share their reasons for saying the chair is a need or want.</li> <li>After we finish reading the book you'll see if you still have the same opinion! Let's keep reading to understand why a new chair is important to this family.</li> </ul>
page 10	What is happening now? When does this take place? What clues on this page and the previous page let you know that this part of the story is happening at a different time?
Page 16	<ul> <li>Think, Pair, Share.</li> <li>We just learned about a really important event that happened to this family. With your partner, retell what happened over the last few pages.</li> <li>Display the relevant pages of text (pages 10-16) to support children's conversations.</li> </ul>
page 18	What clues on this page now let you know that time has shifted again in the story? Why does mama bring home the biggest jar? Let's keep reading to see what they do with this heavy jar of money. Read to the end of the story with minimal stopping.
<b>Key Discussion</b> 7 minutes	Think, Pair, Share. Refer to the whiteboard. Prompt 1: Why did the girl, her mama and grandma start putting money into a jar?

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	<ul> <li>Prompt 2: What happened in the story after they filled up the jar?</li> <li>Now that we've read the whole story, does anyone who thought the chair was a "want" now think it's a "need?" Does anyone who thought the chair is a "need" now think it's a "want?"</li> <li>Invite children to move their sticky notes if desired. As they do, ask them for evidence from the story that changed their thinking. (This conversation will continue in more depth on Day 5.)</li> </ul>
<b>Closing</b> 1 minute	Tomorrow we'll read this story again and then the next day we'll have a class debate about whether the chair is a need or want! You'll have an opportunity to try to convince your classmates about why you think the chair is a need or want, and then you'll write an argument to communicate your opinion.
Standards (Boston)	<ul> <li>RL.1.1. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li> <li>RL.1.3. Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.</li> <li>RL.1.6. Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.</li> <li>SL.1.2. Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.</li> <li>L.1.1a. Produce and expand simple and compound sentences.</li> <li>Economics 25. Give examples of choices people have to make about buying goods and services (e.g., food for the family or a video game; bus fare to get to work or a movie ticket for entertainment) and why they have to make choices (e.g., because they have only enough money for one purchase, not two).</li> </ul>
Ongoing assessment	Listen to children's responses during whole group conversation and Think, Pair, Share. Do children use key details when answering questions about the story? How do children describe the major events of the story? Do children demonstrate a deepening understanding of needs and wants?

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