

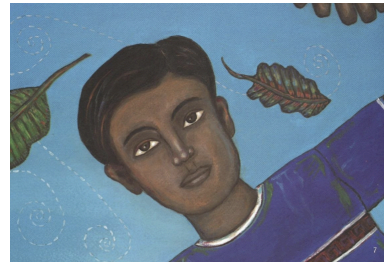
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**End of Unit 1 Assessment:** *The Upside Down Boy*

**Directions:** Read the excerpt carefully. Answer questions 1 and 2.  
Find evidence from the text to support your thinking

I make a clown face, half funny,  
Half scared. "I don't speak English," I say to Papi.  
"Will my tongue turn into a rock?"

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1. In this excerpt, Juanito is talking about how he feels about going to school. How does Juanito feel about going to school?

- A. excited
- B. nervous
- C. lonely
- D. surprised

2. What evidence shows how Juanito feels about going to school?

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**Directions:** Read the excerpt carefully. Answer questions 3 and 4.  
Find evidence from the text to support your thinking.

1 In the morning, as we walk to school  
Papi turns and says, "You do have a nice  
voice, Juanito.  
I never heard you sing until yesterday  
when you fed the chickens.  
At first, when we moved here,  
you looked sad and I didn't know what to do."

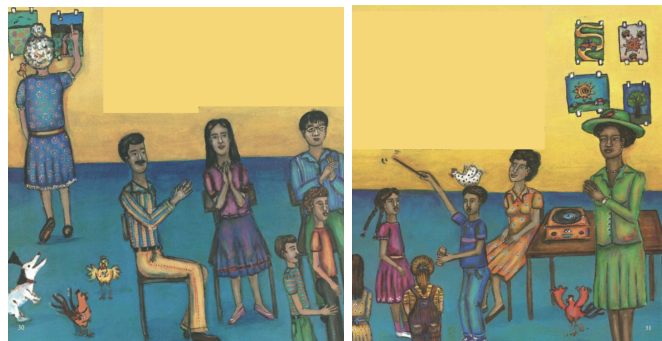


2 "I felt funny, upside down," I say to him.  
"The city streets aren't soft with flowers.  
Buildings don't have faces. You know, Papi,  
in the campo I knew all the names, even of those bugs  
with little wild eyes and shiny noses!"

3 "Here," he says. "Here's my harmonica.  
It has many voices, many beautiful songs  
just like you. Sing them!"

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4 On Open House Day,  
Mama and Papi sit in the front  
row.  
Mrs. Andasola admires our  
drawings on the walls,  
Gabino on her shoulder.



5 "Our paintings look like the flowery fields back  
in the Valley," I tell Amanda.

6 "I have a surprise," I whisper to Mama.  
"I am 'El Maestro Juanito,' the choir conductor!"  
Mrs. Sampson smiles wearing a chile sombrero  
and puts on the music.

7 I blow a "C" with my harmonica —"La la la laaaaah!  
Ready to sing out your poems?" I ask my choir.  
"Uno... dos... and three!"

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3. Reread paragraph 2 from the excerpt.

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in the campo I knew all the names, even of those bugs  
with little wild eyes and shiny noses!"

In this excerpt, the word **funny** means:

- A. hilarious
- B. laughing
- C. strange
- D. silly

What clues in the paragraph helped you determine the  
meaning of the word **funny**?

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4. Communities can include and support all learners. How did Juanito's community support the ways he learns best? Use details from the excerpt to support your ideas.

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Add to your writing with a drawing.

