- Dee disliked change. What were some examples from the story that show this? She didn't want the addition. She didn't want to go to camp.
- 2. Being too curious can get a person into trouble. Give one example from the story and explain how curiosity got that character in trouble. Joey was curious about the backhoe and got stuck in it overnight.
- 3. Dee was not happy about going off to camp. Why did she feel this way? Were her thoughts about why she was sent there true? Explain. She thought that her parents didn't love her. It wasn't true. The parents wanted her to have some fun while her room was being worked on.
- 4. What were some of Dee's adventures at camp? Did the mishaps ruin the experience for her? Explain. She put too much pepper on the burgers, dropped her canoe paddle in the lake, knocked her sock into the campfire, and escaped a wild turkey encounter when lost on a group hike, to name a few. No, the mishaps didn't ruin the experience; they gave her funny stories to tell her friends.
- 5. At the carnival, Joey walked away from his mother. Why did he do it? Should he have gone off alone? Explain. He left to try to win a stuffed dog his mom had wanted. Opinions will vary.
- 6. Who is Officer Joe? What important role did he play in the story? If he didn't show up, what do you think would have happened? He was the security officer at the carnival who found Joey alone. Opinions will vary.
- 7. Characters in the story like to play pranks on each other. Which prank was especially funny or memorable? Explain. Opinions will vary.
- 8. Adding onto one's house is a big project. What was the experience like for the family during construction? Do you think it was worth it? Explain. Noisy and inconvenient. Opinions will vary.
- 9. Whom did you think was stealing the tools? Why did you choose that character(s)? Were you surprised when the thieves were revealed? How did you feel when you found out? Opinions will vary.
- 10. How do you think Dee adapted to all the changes? Opinions will vary.