

**Grade 4 Theme 1, Story 2**  
**“Donovan's Word Jar”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 - Vocabulary - pg. 70**

1. Read this sentence from the story.

**Donnie, you know, Mr. Mike got the word CHORTLE, and I actually heard him giggle,” she said laughing.**

What word is the OPPOSITE of the word *chortle*?

- A. laugh  
(incorrect answer)
- B. giggle  
(incorrect answer)
- C. cry  
(correct answer)
- D. chuckle  
(incorrect answer)

**LA.A.2.2.1 - Main Idea - pg. 52-70**

2. What is the main idea of the story "Donovan's Word Jar"?

- A. Life is easier when families live close together.  
(detail not main idea)
- B. Donovan has a problem that he cannot solve on his own.  
(correct answer)
- C. Donovan makes everybody happy with his word jar.  
(plausible but incorrect)
- D. Creating a word jar is a rewarding experience.  
(inferences not supported by text)

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**LA.E.1.2.3 - Similarities and Differences - pg. 52-70**

3. How does Donovan change in the story?
- A. At first he is curious; then he is miserable.  
(incorrect contrasts)
  - B. At first he is comfortable; then he is uneasy.  
(incorrect contrasts)
  - C. At first he is happy; then he is upset.  
(incorrect contrasts)
  - D. At first he is frustrated; then he is happy.  
(correct answer)

**LA.A.2.2.2 - Author's Purpose - pg. 52-70**

4. Why did the author write the story "Donovan's Word Jar?"
- A. To entertain readers with a story about sharing.  
(correct answer)
  - B. To teach readers all about word jars.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - C. To persuade readers to make their own word jars.  
(incorrect interpretation)
  - D. To show readers how to communicate with elders.  
(incorrect interpretation)

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**LA.E.2.2.1 - Cause and Effect - pg. 66**

5. What happened to Donovan’s words after he left his jar on the desk?
- A. The neighbors took the words from the jar.  
(correct answer)
  - B. They were thrown away.  
(incorrect effects)
  - C. Mr. Bill Gut took all the words to his apartment.  
(incorrect effects)
  - D. Miz Mary Lou gave them to the guard at the front desk.  
(incorrect effects)