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A. Expanding Background
Answer the questions below. Gather and share your opinions.

1. Have you ever been embarrassed about something? What was it?

2. Do you spend time with your parents? What do you usually do with them?

B. Connecting Words
Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

notice  fuzzy  crowded  invite  embarrassing  windshield

1. Will you ____________ Jim to your house for supper?
2. I don’t like peaches. They are too ____________.
3. I ____________ you got a new haircut. It looks nice.
4. People were laughing at me. It was so ____________!
5. That car has a dirty ____________.
6. The movie theater was ____________ with people yesterday.
I have a problem these days. When I was a kid, I was always happy to go on walks in the park with my dad. I even held hands with him! I could see lots of other kids around, but I didn’t care. Now it’s different. I notice things about my dad that I didn’t notice when I was younger.

For example, he’s always wearing these funny black pants. He thinks they are comfortable, but I think they make him look like he’s from a different planet. They are very tight and fuzzy. When he walks, his pants make a “SWISH” sound. Other kids have fathers who wear jeans or a suit. That’s normal. Why does my dad have to wear these weird pants?

My dad has a really loud voice. We were in a crowded mall with lots of good looking girls, and he yelled to me, “Did you drink your milk today?” I could have died!

Last week, a girl from school invited me to her birthday party. It was a dance party and girls were going to be there. I was stoked! So the day of the party came, and my dad took me to the party in his car.

His car is embarrassing too! It is a rusty brown car with a big crack in the windshield. It is really loud, just like my dad, and it stinks of gasoline. I asked Dad to drop me off far away from my classmate’s house, so nobody would see me…and him.
C. Checking Comprehension

Answer the following questions.

1. What is wrong with his dad’s pants?
   a. They are too expensive.       b. They are too big.
   c. They look dirty.             d. They look funny.

2. Who invited him to a birthday party?
   a. his dad                      b. a girl from his class
   c. a boy from his class         d. his teacher

3. What did he do with his dad when he was younger?
   a. They walked in the park.     b. They went to the mall.
   c. They watched TV together.    d. They worked on cars.

D. Using the Graphic Organizer

Read the passage again and find the details using the five senses. Then, fill in the graphic organizer the way you were shown on the strategy page.

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CONVERSATION

A. Expressing Ideas
Choose a question that you want to talk about. Also, create your own question for the class! (Note, some of the strategies come from other themes.)

B. Jotting Down Information
Write the question you chose in the blank space below. As you are having a conversation with the class, write down your ideas. When you hear good ideas from your classmates, write down their ideas too.

My ideas and supporting ideas

My classmates’ ideas

C. Preparing to Write
Your ideas gathered from the discussion will help you write a paragraph. Continue to the composition on page 2 of your workbook.
A. Planning and Structuring

Think about the question(s) you discussed in class. Use the information you gathered during the class to finish your writing.

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*Use the rubric above to assess the student's paper.*

Topic sentence
Body Sentences
Closing sentence
B. Final Work

Write the paragraph you have planned out. Share it with your peers and family members. Receive as much feedback as you can. Peer responses can help you improve your writing.