

# What Feelings Do When No One's Looking

Educational Guide

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## Classroom Discussion



### Active Reading

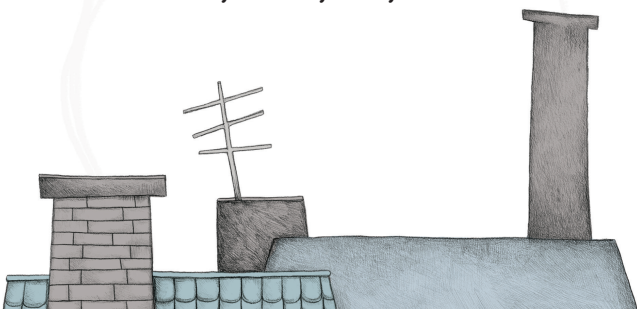
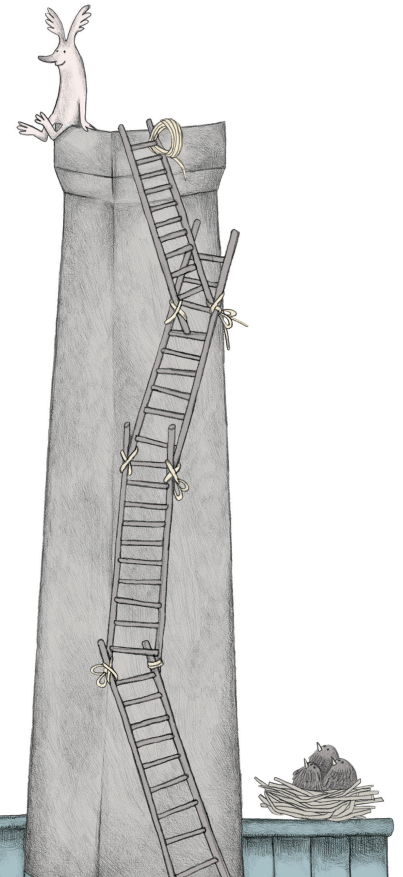
*Questions about textual comprehension.*

1. Which of the feeling words were familiar to you? Which were new (bliss, hate, longing)?
2. Pick one feeling word that felt new or less familiar. Taking the illustrations and text as clues, how would you explain this feeling to a friend? How would you act it out?
3. What is one feeling you'd like to add to this book?
4. What is your favorite illustration? What part of it do you like?

### Reflective Reading

*Questions about specific feelings and the way students feel them.*

1. "Excitement races to a friend with a newly discovered book." What else does excitement do?
2. "Courage takes a rest in the very heart of the forest." When have you felt courage?
3. "Calm pets a dog." What feeling do you get when you pet a dog?
4. "Loneliness trudges through the desert." Have you ever felt alone? What did it feel like?
5. Jitters has a "favorite hiding place, without a door or windows" in a dark corner under a wardrobe. What is your favorite hiding place when you feel jittery or nervous?
6. The first emotion in the book is curiosity: "Curiosity always climbs as high as possible – to the treetop, the roof, or the chimney." Why do you think curiosity is so important?



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#### About the book:

*What Feelings Do When No One's Looking* features an unruly cast of emotions come alive. With more than 20,000 copies sold in Poland, *What Feelings Do* has not only encouraged children to develop compassion and empathy, but also invites them into encounters with complex emotions.

#### About the Author:



Tina Oziewicz is a Polish author and translator of children's literature. While working as a translator and teacher, she began writing stories for children and published her first picture book in 2007. She has since published ten works of children's literature.

#### About the Illustrator:

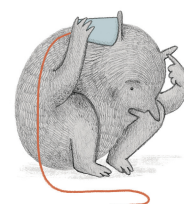
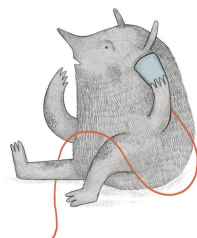


Aleksandra Zajac, a graduate of the Art Department at Opole University, works on graphic design, drawing, and modeling in clay. *What Feelings Do When No One's Looking* is her debut publication.

#### About the Translator:



Jennifer Croft was awarded the International Booker Prize in 2018 and was named a National Book Award Finalist for her translation from Polish of Olga Tokarczuk's *Flights*. A founding editor of *The Buenos Aires Review*, she divides her time between Buenos Aires and Los Angeles.



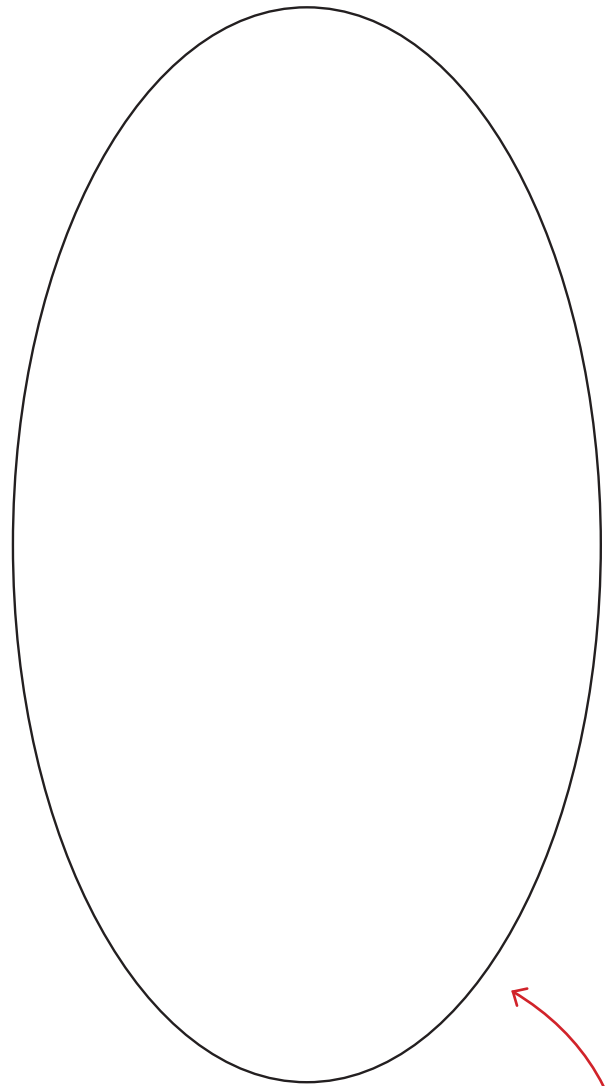


# Worksheet

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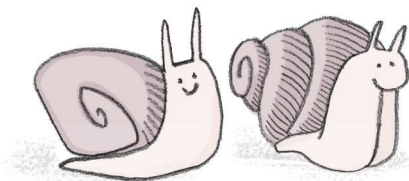
Which feelings do you feel the most?  
Circle three from the list below.

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|--------------|------------|
| Curiosity    | Trust      |
| Joy          | Anxiety    |
| Gratitude    | Nostalgia  |
| Jitters      | Kindness   |
| Imagination  | Excitement |
| Calm         | Anger      |
| Envy         | Fear       |
| Insecurities | Bliss      |
| Freedom      | Longing    |
| Hospitality  | Hope       |
| Compassion   | Loneliness |
| Shame        | Hate       |
| Pride        | Friendship |
| Courage      | Love       |
| Happiness    |            |
| Patience     |            |
| Sadness      |            |



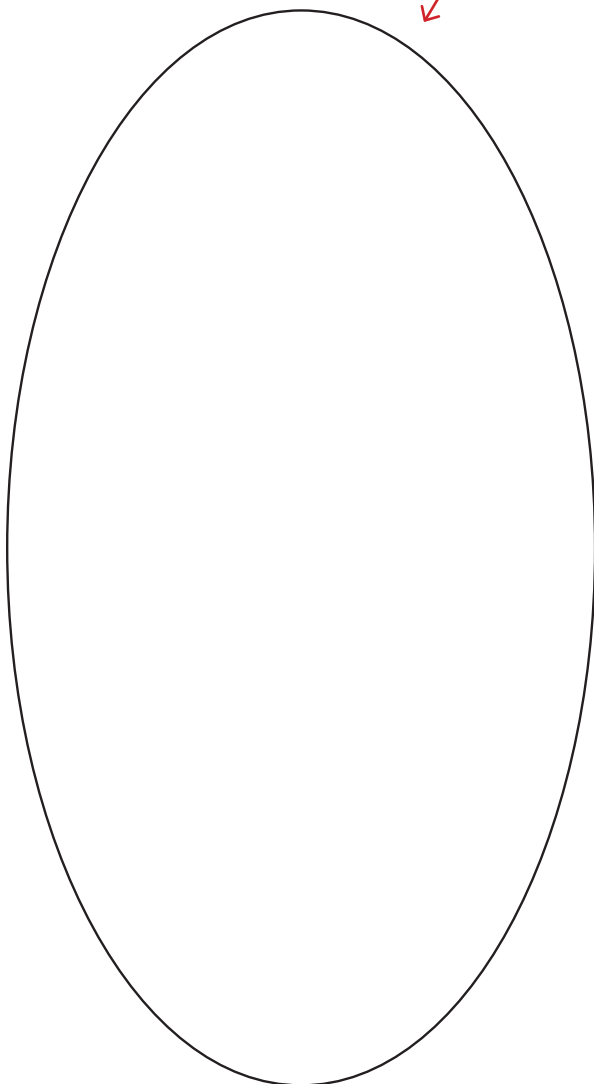
“Curiosity always climbs as high as possible – to the treetop, the roof, or the chimney.”

Follow curiosity up to the treetop, roof, or chimney. Draw a picture of what you see.



“Friendship sits down beside  
you when you trip and fall.”

Draw a picture showing what  
friendship looks like to you.



What feeling do you think is  
inside you right now? Draw  
how it might look in the mirror.  
What facial features or clothes  
would it have?