

Weekend Whispers Answer Key

1. B. Peaceful and content
2. D. Turning on the radio for company
3. A. Lonely
4. B. She feels lonely without her friends
5. C. "She turned on the radio just to hear another voice."

Teacher's Guide:

- **Skill Focus:** Reinforces reading comprehension, emotional inference, and word precision between *alone* (a physical state) and *lonely* (an emotional condition).
- **Differentiation Tips:** Use a "mood tracker" line before reading where students predict how the character might feel at the start, middle, and end.
- **Engagement Ideas:** Have students write a short continuation of Lena's weekend, choosing whether she remains *alone* or becomes *lonely*, using descriptive tone words.
- **Extension Activities:** Pair students for a brief debate on the statement, "Being alone is not the same as being lonely," encouraging use of examples and emotional vocabulary.