

The Emotion Translator Answer Key

Sample Responses: (Note: These are sample rewrites. Student answers may vary — as long as they show, not tell, the emotion.)

1. **He was scared.**

His breath caught as he stepped backward, eyes wide and locked on the shadow creeping toward him.

His hands shook, and he gripped the doorknob like it was the only thing keeping him upright.

2. **She was angry.**

Her jaw tightened and her fists curled at her sides.

“Don’t talk to me right now,” she snapped, slamming her locker shut.

3. **They were excited.**

They bounced in place, grinning and talking over each other.

“Did you see that? Did you see that? This is the best day ever!”

4. **I was embarrassed.**

My face turned red as a few kids snickered. I stared at my shoes and mumbled, “Yeah, I meant to do that.”

I wanted to melt into the floor and disappear completely.

5. **He was nervous about the interview.**

He kept adjusting his tie and wiping his palms on his pants.

Every time the door creaked, his heart jumped into his throat.

6. **She was disappointed.**

Her shoulders slumped as she read the message again. She deleted it without replying.

She forced a smile, but her eyes didn’t follow.

7. **I was proud.**

I stepped back and looked at my painting, a smile tugging at the corners of my mouth.

My chest puffed out as I showed them the trophy.