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## Emotion Detective

You are now an **Emotion Detective** for the Bureau of Descriptive Writing. Each case below includes a brief situation, and your job is to examine the clues (setting, body language, facial expressions, thoughts, actions) and write a detailed **Emotion Report Paragraph** describing *exactly how the person feels* — *without directly naming the emotion*.

Use sensory language, internal thoughts, and “show, don’t tell” techniques to make your paragraph vivid and believable. Each paragraph should be about **4–6 sentences** long.

### Case 1: The Forgotten Birthday

Jaden walks into school on his birthday expecting surprises, but no one says a word. His locker is bare. Not even his best friend remembers.



### Case 2: The Big Performance

Maya steps onto the stage for the talent show. The spotlight is on her. A hundred faces stare back from the dark audience.

### Case 3: The Unexpected Compliment

During class, Elijah reads his story aloud. When he finishes, the teacher says, “That was one of the best I’ve heard all year.” The class claps.

### Case 4: The Stormy Night

Lena hears thunder crack outside her window. The wind howls. Shadows stretch across the walls. She’s home alone.