

New City Feelings Answer Key

Sample Short-Response (student answers will vary):

Maya feels nervous and unsure about moving to a new city. The passage says, "Her stomach felt tight, and she clutched her favorite book against her chest," which shows she was anxious. She also feels overwhelmed by the busy streets and tall buildings. However, she begins to feel a little hopeful when her brother points out the park, and she smiles.

Teacher Notes:

- Remind students a strong short-response answer should:
 1. State the feeling clearly.
 2. Use **text evidence** to prove it.
 3. Explain the evidence in their own words.
- Common errors:
 - Students list emotions without explanation.
 - Students retell the story instead of focusing on feelings.
- Extension idea: Have students write a **journal entry from Maya's perspective** on her first night in the new city.