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Grades 3–4

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### Contains masters for:

- 1 Visual Perception Activity
- 3 Tangram Activities
- 1 Reading for Information Activity
- 4 Art/Writing Activities
- 1 Vocabulary/Writing Activity
- 8 Writing Activities
- 1 Research Activity
- 1 Comparison Activity
- 1 Poetry Writing Activity
- 1 Investigate/Writing Activity
- 3 Math/Writing Activities
- 6 Vocabulary Activities
- 3 Art Activities
- 1 Science Activity
- 1 Descriptive Writing Activity
- 1 Teacher Notes
- 2 Comprehension Quizzes
- Detailed Answer Key

### PLUS

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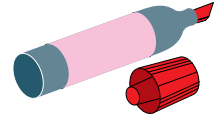
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: To use imagination

## The Best Elevator



*"It's an old apartment building. But it's got one of the best elevators in New York City. There are mirrors all around. ... There's a soft, cushioned bench to sit on if you're too tired to stand."* (page 2)

What would you do to make the elevator even better? Draw a sketch of the elevator, and include the changes you would make. Describe your changes in writing, and tell why you would make them.

A large empty rectangular box intended for a student to draw a sketch of an elevator.A series of horizontal lines provided for the student to write their description of the changes to the elevator.

Student Worksheets

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: To make a comparison; to do research



### New York City

*"I've never been mugged. But sooner or later I probably will be. My father's told me what to do. Give the muggers whatever they want and try not to get a gun in the head."* (page 27)

Because of its large population, more crimes are committed in New York City than any other city in the United States. However, the crime rate—the number of crimes committed for every 100,000 residents—is actually lower in New York than in many other cities.

New York's crime and drug addiction problems are closely related. About half of the drug addicts in the United States live in New York City. They commit many of the city's burglaries and attacks on individuals to get money for drugs.\*

What is the crime rate in your community? Is there a crime and drug prevention program? Find out from your local law enforcement agency. Compare your community to New York City in the areas listed below. (If you live in New York City, compare it to another city of your choice.)

New York City

My community

more crime than any other U.S. city \_\_\_\_\_

high crime rate \_\_\_\_\_ rate of \_\_\_\_\_ crimes per \_\_\_\_\_

large population of drug addicts \_\_\_\_\_

\$4 billion/year on welfare programs \_\_\_\_\_

1-1/2 million people living in poverty \_\_\_\_\_

serious racial conflicts \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: To state and justify an opinion

## Advertising

Mr. Hatcher takes the boys to the advertising agency. A television commercial will be made for the Toddle-Bike Company that afternoon. The following quotations have been made about advertising. Read them carefully. Choose one quotation and explain in your own words what it means.

1. "Advertising is what you do when you can't go see somebody."—**F. Cone**
2. "Few people at the beginning of the nineteenth century needed an adman to tell them what they wanted."—**J. K. Galbraith**
3. "I do not read advertisements—I would spend all my time wanting things."—**Archbishop of Canterbury**
4. "It used to be that people needed products to survive. Now products need people to survive."—**N. Johnson**
5. "Advertising has done more to cause the social unrest of the twentieth century than any other single factor."—**Barney Jr.**
6. "You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements."—**N. Douglas**

I choose Quote \_\_\_\_\_ I think it means \_\_\_\_\_

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