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The Giver
Chapter 9

1. Why do you think people hesitate when they congratulate Jonas about being selected as Receiver of Memory?
2. Do Jonas' parents know what happened to the previous Receiver? Why must the previous Receiver's name never be used or spoken?
3. Look over Jonas' new rules. They are a huge change from the old rules that he used to follow. Predict why the rules are so different for his new position.
4. What is Jonas' reaction to his new rules?
5. "Immediately he had been taken aside for a brief private lesson in language precision. He was not starving, it was pointed out. He was *hungry*. NO one in the community was starving, had ever been starving. To say 'starving' was to speak a lie. An unintentional lie, of course. But the reason for precision of language was to ensure that unintentional lies were never uttered. Did he understand that? They asked him. And he had."
 - a. Why does Jonas get in trouble?

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b. What would it be like if you always had to speak precisely? Do you think that you would really be able to express yourself? Why or why not?

6. At the end of the chapter, Jonas begins to consider the fact that he is now allowed to lie. Do you think other members of the community are allowed to lie? Explain your opinion. If they are, what could be the ramifications (negative outcomes) for society and for Jonas?