**Understanding Special Meanings** Resource 3.9

Read the following sentences. Explain in your own words the meaning of the italicized word or group of words. Write your response on the line below each sentence.

Example: Jonas tried to listen, but *his mind unwandered* while Lily recounted her lengthy dream.

**Jonas stopped listening.**

1. As Jonas recalled his dream, the same feelings *flooded* him again.
2. Jonas *brightened* when his parents said that he was ready to take the pills.
3. Jonas remembered Asher taking a pill once when they were *heading off* to school.
4. As Jonas rounded the corner on his bicycle, his dwelling *slipped away from him.*
5. Jonas tried to *grasp back* the feelings he felt in his dream, but he couldn't.
6. Jonas' mother assured him that soon he wouldn't *pay much attention* to taking the pills.
7. The members of Jonas' family were required to pledge that they would not *become attached* to Gabriel.
8. The applause rose *in an exuberant swell* with each Naming.
9. After the ceremony, Jonas watched the new Nines *gravitate toward* their bicycles.
10. Asher was *eyeing* the river and thinking that he couldn't swim very well.