

Personal Perspective

**WE WILL
LEARN TO
READ TO
IDENTIFY
METAPHORS IN
A TEXT.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the story. Underline new words. Use tools to find definitions of new words.
2. Read the story again. Work with a partner to identify metaphors used in the story. Circle the metaphors you find.

Life with Epilepsy

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When I was 20, I woke up lying in the hospital. My mom told me that I had a seizure. The nurse said I had epilepsy. I didn't know what epilepsy was.

Most people don't know much about epilepsy either.

For example, some of them say seizures are caused by my muscles. But actually, seizures start in the brain.

The brain works like a driver. A driver controls all parts of a car such as moving faster or slower and turning right or left. The car cannot work if the driver doesn't control it. When the brain doesn't work right, it affects the whole body.

In 2018, I had brain surgery to stop my seizures getting worse. I know that my brain controls my eyes and muscles. After my brain surgery, my right eye



became blurry. I had difficulty writing certain letters such as y, g and j.

Epilepsy changed my memory, concentration and behavior, too. I wanted to cry when I heard loud sounds.

I didn't remember people if I did not see them for about one year. I could not concentrate on difficult lessons for more than an hour.

A tree needs leaves to get sunlight. Epilepsy is a caterpillar that destroys the leaves. The tree can't get sunlight, so it must grow new leaves. Epilepsy has been a problem in my life. However, we must overcome difficulties and grow anyway.