

Checkouts (page 22)**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Motivation**

A character's **motivation** is the reason why he or she acts, feels, or thinks a certain way. Sometimes a character's motivation is explained or directly stated in the text. Other times you will have to infer, or draw a conclusion about, the character's motivation. As you read "Checkouts," use the chart below to note the motivations of the boy and the girl.

<i>Who?</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Motivation</i>
<i>The Girl</i>	<i>... she spent the greater part of every day in a room full of beveled glass windows ... (page 23)</i>	<i>Does not want to begin a new life</i>
<i>The Boy</i>	<i>And the bag boy let her leave the store, pretending no notice of her. (page 26)</i>	
<i>The Boy and The Girl</i>	<i>And when finally they did meet up again, neither offered a clue ... (page 26)</i>	

Follow Up: For each motivation you explain in your chart, jot down clues from the text that helped you understand the motivation.