Using the theme “Love makes people do foolish things,” find examples from the story to support it.

1. In the “say” column write the example exactly as it appears in the story.
2. In the “mean” column explain what is happening in the example using your own words.
3. In the “matter” column explain how this event or example supports the theme above.
4. Find at least four examples of your own.

“Seventh Grade” by Gary Soto

The theme of this story is Love makes people do foolish things

Say Mean Matter

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| Victor says,  "Frenchie of wewe  in September"  when Mr. Bueller  asked if anyone knew  how to speak  French | The teacher asked if anyone could speak French, and Victor raised his hand without thinking in order to impress Teresa. | This shows theme because it illustrates Victor doing something foolish for love. Victor knew he couldn't speak French but he still risked looking foolish in order  to impress a girl he liked. |

Using the theme “People don’t always act like you expect them to act,” find examples from the story to support it.

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The theme of this story is People don’t always act like you expect them to act

Say Mean Matter

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| “Mr. Bueller understood that the boy didn’t know French and turned away.” | Victor pretended to speak French. Instead of scolding or embarassing him,  Mr. Bueller didn't say anything at all. | This supports theme because Victor expected Mr. Bueller would embarrass him in front of the class, but he didn’t |