Discussion Questions for "We" by Mary Grimm

- 1. How do the narrator's feelings about marriage change over the course of the story? Trace the changes using specific examples.
- 2. How does the story make you feel?
- 3. What things in the story surprised you?
- 4. What do you think is the significance of each of the following lines?
 - a. "I had a feeling like 'What's next?'"
 - b. ". . . from the first words we said to each other we knew we were going to be friends. I had thought that wouldn't happen now that I was married."
 - c. "For a while we couldn't like her as well as we had, and we looked for signs that her little girl was suffering from day care."
 - d. "We were surprised to find ourselves thinking again, it had been so long."
 - e. "... now that we were conscious again?"
 - f. "Everything went on a little while longer, until we got to the end of this period in our lives, until we stopped looking for something that we didn't have or know."
 - g. "But do we miss it, what we had together when there was no one else in the world but mothers and children?"
- 5. What do you think the central point of the story is? What point is Grimm trying to make?