

## 4. The Kung Fu Kid

<sup>1</sup>As Danny walked down the book-lined aisle, he almost stumbled over a boy sitting on the floor reading. <sup>2</sup>The boy glanced up and went back to his reading. <sup>3</sup>"Get out of the way!" Danny whispered. <sup>4</sup>The boy didn't respond. <sup>5</sup>Then Danny demanded, "I said, get out of the way!" <sup>6</sup>Danny tried to kick the boy but quickly found himself lying on the floor with his backpack beside him. <sup>7</sup>He hadn't even seen the boy move. <sup>8</sup>Who was this boy?



<sup>9</sup>Danny sheepishly crawled over to where the boy was sitting. <sup>10</sup>He peeked over the boy's shoulder to see what he was reading. <sup>11</sup>He saw an image of an old temple with men wearing red and gold robes. <sup>12</sup>They were practicing martial arts. <sup>13</sup>Danny was about to get up and leave when the boy said, "Do you know who these guys are?" <sup>14</sup>Danny shook his head. <sup>15</sup>"These are Shaolin monks. <sup>16</sup>They practice one of the oldest styles of martial arts in the world. <sup>17</sup>It's called Shaolin Kung Fu."

<sup>18</sup>Danny moved next to the boy so he could see the book. <sup>19</sup>"Listen to this," said the boy. <sup>20</sup>"The Shaolin Temple was built in 495 C.E. on Songshan mountain in the province of Henan, China. <sup>21</sup>'Shao' translates as young and 'lin' as forest. <sup>22</sup>The warrior monks who lived at the Temple followed a strict regime of martial arts training, philosophy, literature, meditation, and community chores. <sup>23</sup>These Kung Fu practitioners believed in compassion, non-violence, humility, and discipline."

<sup>24</sup>The boys read about how the monks would sometimes imitate animals in their martial arts training. <sup>25</sup>There were pictures of the five Shaolin animals: a dragon, tiger, snake, crane, and leopard.

<sup>26</sup>"Wow, I wish I could learn Shaolin Kung Fu," whispered Danny.

<sup>27</sup>"Anyone can learn Kung Fu. <sup>28</sup>It just takes practice and a lot of effort," said the boy.

<sup>29</sup>"I've been practicing for 3 years."

<sup>30</sup>"Why did you sweep my legs out from under me? <sup>31</sup>That wasn't compassionate."

<sup>32</sup>"I moved my arm to protect my friend," the boy said.

<sup>33</sup>"Your friend?" Danny asked.

<sup>34</sup>A little grey kitten poked his head out from the boy's jacket. <sup>35</sup>"Meow." <sup>36</sup>Both boys laughed. <sup>37</sup>The boy got up, tucked the kitten's head back into his jacket, put the book back, and walked away.

<sup>38</sup>"Hey!" Danny asked. <sup>39</sup>"What is your name, anyway?"

<sup>40</sup>The boy stopped, turned around slowly, and said, "Bruce."

Circle **T** if you are certain this sentence is true. Circle **F** if you are certain it is false. Circle **U** if it is unknown because you need more information. Add the sentence number(s) that best supports your true or false answer.

1. Danny stumbled over Bruce in the aisle. T \_\_\_\_, F \_\_\_\_, or U
2. In paragraph 1, Danny slipped and fell. T \_\_\_\_, F \_\_\_\_, or U
3. Shaolin Kung Fu began in Japan. T \_\_\_\_, F \_\_\_\_, or U

Circle the letter next to the correct answer or write the answer on the lines given.

4. The word "Shaolin" in sentence 20 most likely means:
 

a. Young Forest	c. Martial Arts
b. Kung Fu	d. Songshan Mountain
5. Number the events in order.
 

\_\_\_\_\_ A grey kitten pokes his head out of Bruce's jacket.

\_\_\_\_\_ The boy tells Danny his name is Bruce.

\_\_\_\_\_ The boys read about the martial arts training of the Shaolin monks.

\_\_\_\_\_ Danny ends up lying on the floor.
6. What can you reasonably infer from sentence #9?
 

a. Danny was curious about what the boy was reading.	c. Danny felt embarrassed about being knocked to the floor by the boy.
b. Danny was going to hit the boy.	d. none of the above
7. Danny was \_\_\_\_\_ after the boys read about \_\_\_\_\_.
 

a. laughing, the five Kung Fu animal styles	c. bored, the history of Kung Fu
b. interested, the six Kung Fu animal styles	d. fascinated, the five Kung Fu animal styles

Circle **PT** for probably true or **PF** for probably false. Be sure to supply the best evidence that supports your answer: sentence number(s) and/or personal knowledge.

8. Bruce cares about the kitten.  
 PT or PF Sentence \_\_\_\_\_ Personal knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. The boys were in a library.  
 PT or PF Sentences \_\_\_\_\_ Personal knowledge: \_\_\_\_\_  
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