

Quick Check

The Trouble with English

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following about the english language gives Ting Yao trouble?
 - Ⓐ pronouncing it
 - Ⓑ reading it
 - Ⓒ spelling it
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Which of the following is not true of Shanghai?
 - Ⓐ It is full of interesting smells.
 - Ⓑ It has many sights and sounds.
 - Ⓒ It is small with few people.
 - Ⓓ It is full of energy and life.
3. How does Ting Yao feel about the english language?
 - Ⓐ She thinks it is frustrating.
 - Ⓑ She is eager to learn it.
 - Ⓒ She thinks it is easy to learn.
 - Ⓓ She thinks it makes a lot of sense.
4. Some children at Ting Yao's school _____.
 - Ⓐ are helpful to her
 - Ⓑ are mean to her
 - Ⓒ sometimes confuse her
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. What is an **idiom**?
 - Ⓐ something mean that is said
 - Ⓑ something very difficult to pronounce
 - Ⓒ a word that has only one meaning
 - Ⓓ a strange expression
6. What does Ms. Brickle mean by "Don't get carried away."
 - Ⓐ Don't carry things on your back.
 - Ⓑ Don't pay attention to what I say.
 - Ⓒ Don't overreact.
 - Ⓓ Don't get started with your work.

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7. How does Ting Yao solve her problem?
 - Ⓐ She continues to learn english.
 - Ⓑ She began speaking Mandarin more often.
 - Ⓒ She moved back to Shanghai.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
8. How are Ting Yao's new friends different from her friend's in Shanghai?
 - Ⓐ They don't use idioms in their speech.
 - Ⓑ They eat sweet candy and chocolate.
 - Ⓒ They speak Mandarin.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
9. How does Ting Yao solve her problem with C and G words?
 - Ⓐ She skips the C or G words.
 - Ⓑ She asks her friends to tell her the pronunciation.
 - Ⓒ She memorizes the pronunciation of the words.
 - Ⓓ None of the above
10. How does Ting Yao feel at the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ hopeful
 - Ⓑ angry
 - Ⓒ disappointed
 - Ⓓ tired
11. **Extended Response:** At first, why does Ting Yao believe that it will be easy to learn english?
12. **Extended Response:** By the end of the story, how would you describe Ting Yao as a learner of the English language?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

- 1 Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
- 2 Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
- 3 Ⓐ Analyze Character
- 4 Ⓓ Story Elements
- 5 Ⓓ Vocabulary
- 6 Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 7 Ⓐ Problem and Solution
- 8 Ⓑ Compare and Contrast
- 9 Ⓒ Problem and Solution
- 10 Ⓐ Analyze Character
11. Ting Yao thought that since she had learned Mandarin, a hard language, that English would not be so hard.
12. Answer could include: *Ting Yao is determined and working hard to learn English; even though English language rules are confusing and at times she's embarrassed, she knows she keeps getting better the longer she is in her new country speaking and learning English; she is proud.*