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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Parachute Kids

Author:

Betty C. Tang

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Choose one picture, panel, or page from this graphic novel chapter that stood out to you. What do you notice in the art, and how does it help you understand the story?

Example answer: One panel that stood out to me showed Feng-Li looking small compared with everything around her. The picture made me feel how strange and big California must seem to her. I noticed that the art can show feelings even when the characters do not say much. It helped me understand her loneliness and confusion better.

Chapter 12

By the end of this chapter, what has changed for Feng-Li or her family since the beginning of the book? Explain whether the change feels small, big, happy, difficult, or confusing.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

What choice made by a character in this chapter do you agree or disagree with? Explain what you might have done in that situation and why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

So far, how does the setting of California affect the Lin children? Describe how the place, school, neighborhood, or language around them shapes what happens.

Example answer: California affects the Lin children because many things around them feel unfamiliar. The language is a big challenge, and that can make everyday things harder. I think the setting makes the siblings depend on each other more. It also shows how brave they have to be while they are still learning how things work.

Which character do you understand or sympathize with most in this chapter: Feng-Li, Jia-Xi, Ke-Gang, Ma, or Ba? Explain your choice with evidence.

Example answer: I sympathize most with Feng-Li because she is trying to understand what is happening while also dealing with big feelings. She does not always have control over the choices adults make. I think she wants to be strong, but she also misses feeling safe and sure. That makes her feel real to me.

Chapter 1

So far, what problem or worry seems most important to Feng-Li Lin? Use details from the chapter to explain why it matters to her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

How does the author show feelings like homesickness, fear, hope, or frustration in this chapter? Include both words and pictures if you can.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What does this chapter make you think about moving to a new country or learning a new culture? Connect the story to an idea, experience, or question you have.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How do Feng-Li, Jia-Xi, and Ke-Gang handle being in California so far? Compare how at least two of the siblings react to their new life.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What does this chapter show about family responsibility? Explain one moment when a character has to act older, braver, or more independent than they might feel.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Which character do you understand or sympathize with most in this chapter: Feng-Li, Jia-Xi, Ke-Gang, Ma, or Ba? Explain your choice with evidence.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you predict Feng-Li or one of her siblings will need to do next? Give a reason for your prediction based on what has happened so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Choose one picture, panel, or page from this graphic novel chapter that stood out to you. What do you notice in the art, and how does it help you understand the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

What is one word, phrase, or expression in this chapter that felt important, new, or interesting? What do you think it means, and how did the context help you?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

So far, how does the setting of California affect the Lin children? Describe how the place, school, neighborhood, or language around them shapes what happens.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
