

TWO KIDS BY AMY TAN

Two Kinds is a short story about Jing-mei, a Chinese American girl whose mother believes that anyone can achieve success in America. After experiencing great losses in China, her mother hopes Jing-mei will become a special and successful person. She constantly tests her daughter's abilities and pushes her to become a prodigy.



Word	Part of Speech	Definition
accusation	Noun	A statement that someone has done
ambitious	adjective	Having a strong desire to succeed
assert	Verb	To state something confidently and
discordant	adjective	Harsh or unpleasant in
expectation	Noun	A belief or hope that something will
inevitable	adjective	Certain to happen; unavoidable.
prodigy	Noun	A child or young person with
reproach	Noun	Blame or criticism for something
sulky	adjective	Moody or silent because of
misery	Noun	Great suffering, distress, or

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1. Complete the sentences with the words from the vocabulary list

◆ Conflicts

1. "Jing-mei feels _____ from her mother and becomes _____ when her mother _____ feel impossible."

◆ Emotions

2. "She experiences deep _____ when she fails to meet the image of a _____ her mother insists on."

◆ Family Expectations

3. "Her mother's constant _____ and belief in the _____ success of hard work create pressure."

◆ Identity & Ambition

4. "Jing-mei struggles to _____ her own identity, resisting the _____ dreams her mother projects onto her."

◆ Turning Points

5. "The _____ piano recital marks a moment when Jing-mei realizes she may never be the daughter her mother envisions."