

The white umbrella by Gish Jen

A. True/False. Write T for a true statement. Write F for a false statement.

1. When the narrator was twelve, his mother went to work without telling the narrator nor his sister. _____
2. The Lee family were not the only other Chinese family in town. _____
3. If the narrator's mother was not home by 5:30, Mona and the narrator would start cooking by themselves, to make sure dinner would be on time. _____
4. "Oh! Just stupendous!" Miss Crosman hugged Eugenie, then looked up as Eugenie's mother walk in. _____
5. As mona began to play, the narrator jumped up and ran to the window, meaning to call to the Robertses. _____

II. Multiple choice. Click on the correct answer

1. Mrs. Roberts, radian with pride, swept her daughter Eugenie out of the room:
 - a. As if Eugenie were princess, born to the piano bench
 - b. As if Eugenie were royalty, born to the piano bench
 - c. As if Eugenie were tale lady, born to the piano bench
2. The umbrella glowed like a scepter on the blue carpet while Mona:
 - a. Slumping over the keyboard, manage to eke out a fair rendition of a catfight
 - b. Slumping over the chair, manage to eke out a fair rendition of a catfight
 - c. Slumping over the piano, manage to eke out a fair rendition of a catfight
3. Miss Crosman sighed and shook Mona's head a little:
 - a. Your glasses are upside down, honey, she said to Mona.
 - b. Your glasses are dirty, honey, she said to Mona.
 - c. Your glasses are filthy, honey, she said to Mona.
4. The narrator wanted to tell Miss Crosman that she was the school spelling bee champion, that the narrator was not ticklish, that:
 - a. The narrator could do karate
 - b. The narrator could do play jockey
 - c. The narrator could do tennis
5. "Miss Crosman is coming out again", said Mona, the narrator whispered to Mona:
 - a. "Do not let her talk you into going with her"
 - b. "Do not let her talk you into going inside"
 - c. "Do not let her talk you into going eat inside"

III. Answer the followings questions:

1. Where are the two girls going?
2. Why is the girl's mother unable to bring them dry clothes?
3. What does Miss Crosman offer the girls while the wait?