

Reading Comprehension Questions

• Literal Comprehension Questions

Answer each of the following questions in one complete sentence:

1. What does Amir say is, "...the object in America...?"

Amir says the object in America is to avoid contact and treat all strangers as foes unless they are known to be friends

Quote requires # and pg number.

2. What conversations does Amir say, "... tied us together"?

When random people came up to Amir and started talking about the eggplants and got to know each other. No one came up to Amir and talked to him and Amir realizes how friendly these people are. ✓

3. Who helped catch the purse thief?

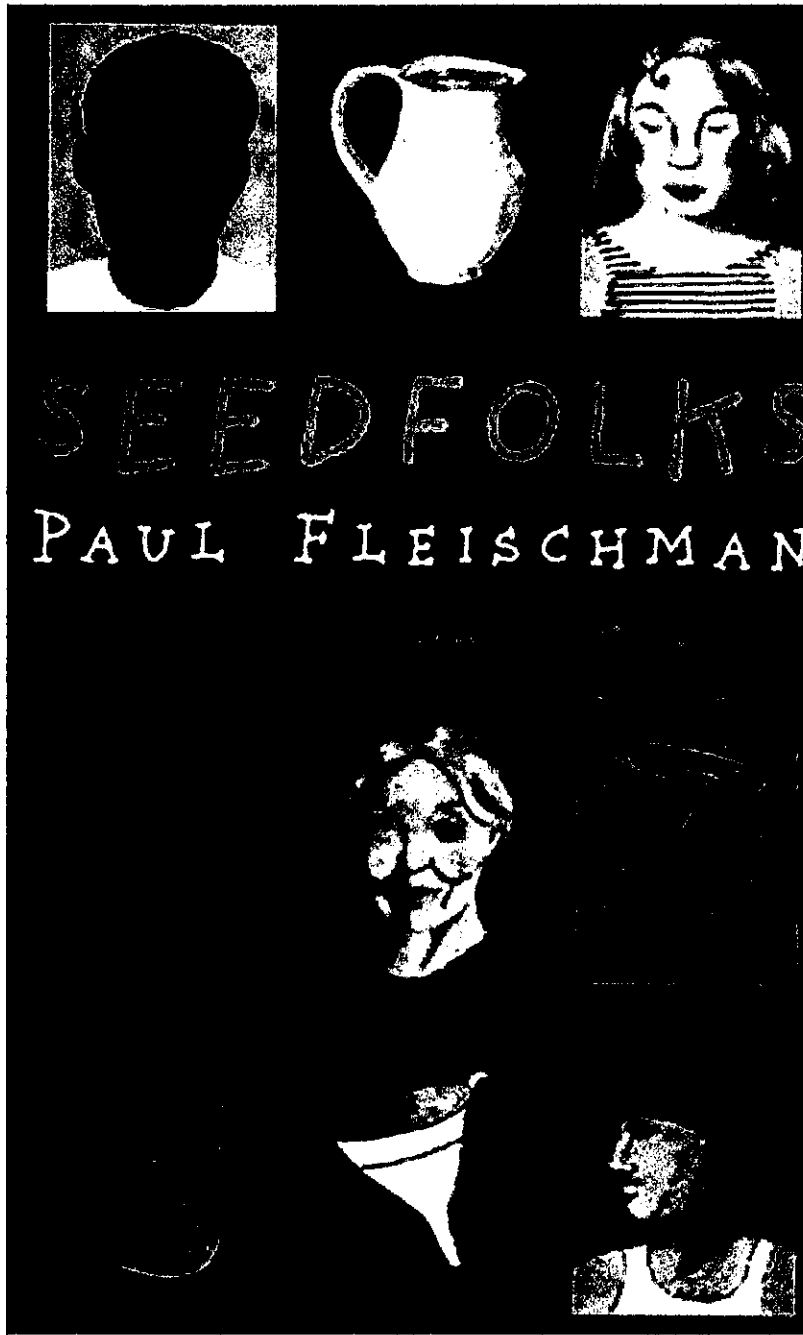
Amir, Royce and another man helped them catch the purse thief. ✓

4. What had Amir heard about Polish men and women? ?

That Polish men were tough steelworkers and the women loved cooking cabbages. ✓

5. What memory does the thinning of seedlings give the Polish woman?

It reminded her of her concentration camp, where people were inspected everyday and were divided into two lines the healthy ones to live and the others to die. ✓



- ***Inference Questions***

6. Choose and circle any two of the following adjectives / character traits that best describe Amir's character:

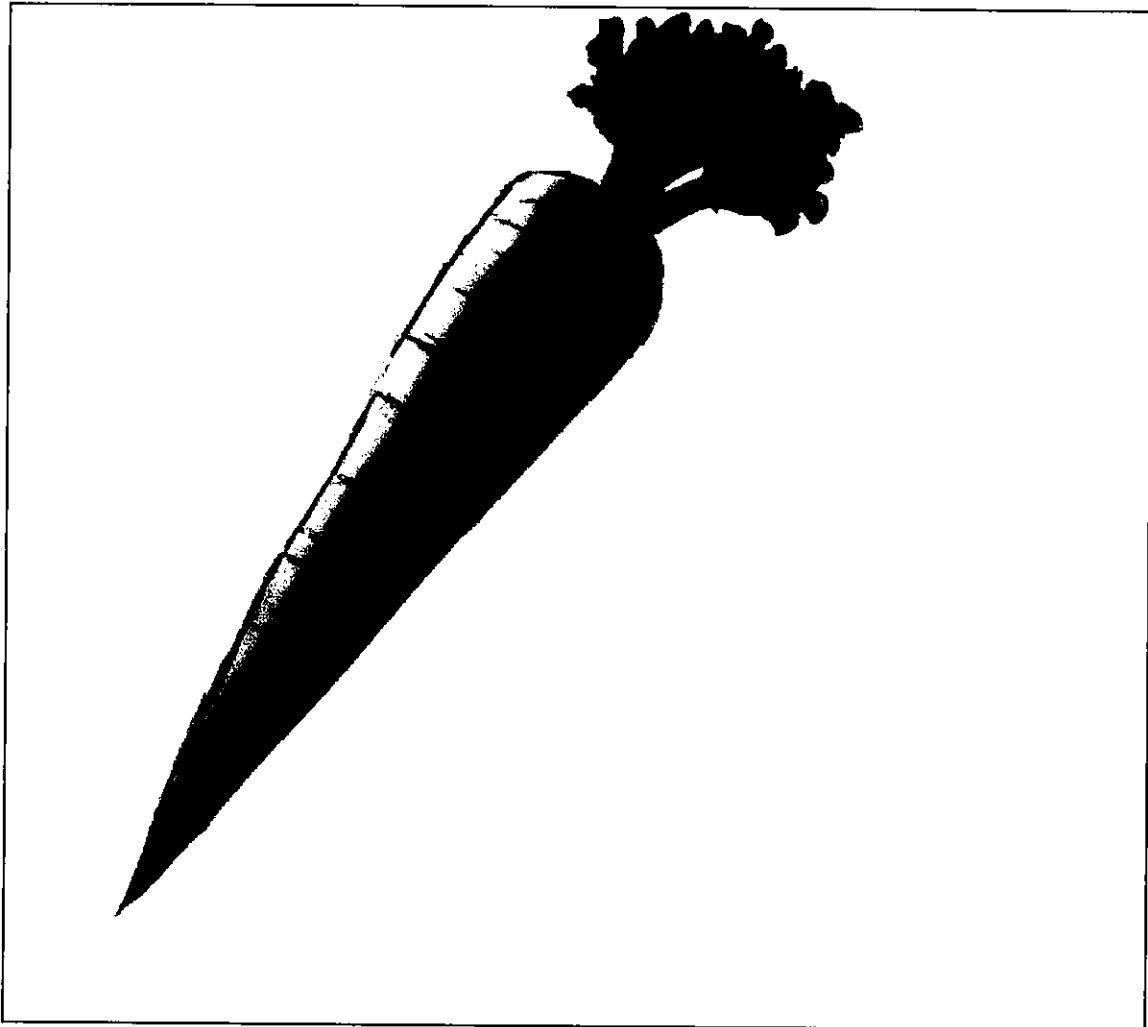
friendly compassionate honest perceptive wise
observant cautious courageous adaptable

7. After circling your two choices, find a quote from Amir's chapter as evidence to support each of the two chosen character traits. Explain your reasons.

Trait	Evidence	Explanation
<i>i.</i> Courageous	Quote: "A man with a knife had taken her purse. Three men ran after him. I was surprised I was one of them." p.76 ✓	This shows that Amir was courageous as it takes a lot of courage to go after a man with a knife as the knife could kill you so you're risking your life to help someone else ✓
<i>ii</i> Friendly	Quote: "And we gave food away, as we often did also---even I a businessman, trained to give away nothing, to always make a profit." p.80 ✓	It shows that he is friendly as if he wasn't and he was selfish he would have took his crops and brought it back to his home for himself or sell it. ✓

8. How has Amir changed because of the garden? Explain your answer using evidence and quotes from the text. (250 words maximum)

Amir started off thinking America as an unfriendly family with too much suspicion and that the people there don't communicate with each other. He also judged other people on their first impression or their appearance. Then he changed thanks to the garden by learning that people there are friendly and nice and that people can be different than what they look or their first impression if you get to actually know them. "One old woman, Italian I believe, said she'd admired my eggplants for weeks and told me how happy she was to meet me. She praised them and told me how to cook them and asked all about my family. But something bothered me. Then I remembered. A year before she'd claimed that she'd received the wrong change in my store. I was called out to the register. She'd gotten quite angry and called me – despite her own accent- a dirty foreigner. Now that we were so friendly with each other I dared to remind her of this. Her eyes became huge. She apologized to me over and over again. She kept saying, "Back then, I didn't know it was you...." p.81 As you can see Amir got to know the woman and she turned out to be very friendly but made a bad impression and he realized that he shouldn't judge other people by their first impressions and that they could actually turn out to be wonderful people. Also with the Royce as he was black and big people were scared of him but now that people got to know him he is friendly and by looking at him Amir realizes that he shouldn't judge people with other people's appearance. ✓



Benchmark	Developing Towards Grade Level Expectation	Approaching Grade Level Expectation	Meeting Grade Level Expectation	Exceeding Grade Level Expectation
2.5 Demonstrates comprehension of literary and informational texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overly short and lacking information Limited inference Insufficient evidence to support responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates some understanding of aspects of the author's craft Makes some inferences Some supporting detail using information from the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates understanding of the author's craft: content, point of view, word choice, plot, character development Infers for deeper meaning Effective supporting detail using information from the text 	<p>Comprehension exceeds grade level expectation. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyses texts more deeply or with greater maturity or sophistication

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