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**“The White Umbrella” Questions**

*Please answer the following questions in complete sentences where applicable (#8-10). Use details from the text to support your answers.*

1. PART A: Which statement expresses a theme in the story?
2. During difficult times, it’s important for family members to come together and work towards a common goal.
3. Sometimes the best support comes from people who are outside of your family.
4. It is easier to blend in with the crowd than to stand out and share what makes you unique.
5. People don’t often realize the significance of what they have until they’ve lost it.
6. PART B: Which detail from the text best supports the answer to PART A?
7. “It was so clean and white that it seemed to glow, to illuminate everything around it” (paragraph 85).
8. “Suddenly I knew just what she wanted to hear. ‘I wish you were my mother’” (paragraph 104).
9. “She sighed. ‘The Chinese have a saying: one beam cannot hold the roof up’” (paragraph 118).
10. “‘I thought you were dead,’ I said, starting to cry. ‘I thought you were dead’” (paragraph 135).
11. PART A: In the passage, how do the narrator’s and Mona’s points of view about their mother compare?
12. The narrator and Mona are both embarrassed that their mother has to work.
13. The narrator is embarrassed to admit that their mother works, while Mona is relatively honest about it.
14. Mona isn’t originally embarrassed that their mother must work, but the narrator convinces her that it is embarrassing.
15. Mona feels bad that their mother must work, while the narrator is upset and embarrassed about it.
16. PART B: Which TWO quotes from the text best support the answer to PART A? You are looking for separate quotes that support the narrator’s and Monas’ separate points of view.
17. “I remember how sorry my parents had felt for Mrs. Lee when she started waitressing downtown the year before” (paragraph 4).
18. “so when my mother began coming home late, I didn’t say anything and tried to keep Mona from saying anything either” (paragraph 4).
19. “and if my mother wasn’t home by 5:30, we would start cooking by ourselves, to make sure dinner would be on time” (paragraph 8).
20. “She’s working! She’s working! She’s working!” (paragraph 73)
21. “For a moment no one said anything. Even Mona seemed to find the revelation disappointing” (paragraph 113).
22. “‘I thought you were dead,’ I said, starting to cry. ‘I thought you were dead’” (paragraph 135).
23. What does the following quote reveal about the narrator’s attitude? “I wanted to tell her that I was the school spelling bee champion, that it wasn’t ticklish, that I could do karate” (paragraph 42).
24. The narrator wishes she was more like girls at her school.
25. The narrator wants Miss Crosman to know more about who she is.
26. The narrator wants people to think she’s something she’s not.
27. The narrator feels shy and unable to share who she is with Miss Crosman.
28. PART A: How is the narrator impacted by her mother going to work?
29. It makes her feel like she and her family are different from other people.
30. It causes her to feel insecure about her relationship with her mother.
31. It makes her distrustful of her mother, who hides that she’s working.
32. It causes her to feel worried by how little money they have.
33. PART B: Which quote from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
34. “I looked at it again, toying with the idea of asking for one for Christmas. I knew, however, how my mother would react” (paragraph 32).
35. “Suddenly I knew just what she wanted to hear. ‘I wish you were my mother’” (paragraph 104).
36. “‘Mona!’ I shouted into the house. ‘Mona! Hurry up! Mom’s here! I told you she was coming!’” (paragraph 107).
37. “‘But Eugenie Roberts’s father supports their family’” (paragraph 119).
38. How does the white umbrella contribute to the theme of the story?
39. How does the car accident most affect the resolution of the plot?
40. In the story, the narrator doesn’t feel confident in who she is and tries to be someone she is not. Why do you think she is insecure in who she is? How do you think her ethnic identity contributes to this?