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Remember Me

A chimpanzee born in a zoo fell so ill that his mother refused to carry him. Two keepers rushed into the pen and scooped the wheezing Limbani in their arms. They wrapped Limbani in a warm blanket and cared for him at home until he took strong, steady breaths. Months later, the tearful duo brought Limbani to a new zoo and watched him play with new handlers before leaving. But when the foster parents tentatively visited later that year, their hooting chimp hugged them tight.



Sentence by Sentence

Date: _____

Vocabulary to Visualize:

wheezing: breathing with difficulty and a rattling or whistling sound in the chest

handlers: people who train and care for animals

foster: describing someone who cares for a youngster for a short amount of time

tentatively: nervously, doubtfully

1 First Sentence: A chimpanzee born in a zoo fell so ill that his mother refused to carry him.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the chimpanzee? _____

2. him falling ill? _____

3. his mother refusing to carry him? _____

4. the zoo? _____

2 Second Sentence: Two keepers rushed into the pen and scooped the wheezing Limbani in their arms.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the keepers? _____

2. them rushing into the pen? _____

3. them scooping Limbani? _____

4. Limbani wheezing? _____

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The Kung Fu Master

In the 17th century martial artist Ng Mui fled a burning monastery in the high mountains of China. A young teen Yim Wing Chun sheltered the tired woman in her small house. / But kind Yim was being forced to marry a cruel warlord and cried as she told Ng Mui her sad story. For months, Ng Mui taught Yim how to use her small fists and feet to block, punch, and kick. / When the warlord arrived, Yim proposed a fight for her freedom, and the arrogant man laughed. But his breath grew ragged as Yim pummeled him to the ground, then threw a finishing blow. For years after, Yim taught others Ng Mui's ways to defend themselves.



Sentence by Sentence

Date: _____

Vocabulary to Visualize:

monastery: a place where monks live, work, and pray

sheltered: protected or shielded

warlord: a leader of an army
arrogant: too proud of oneself and too scornful of others

pummeled: punched rapidly and repeatedly

1 First and Second Sentences: In the 17th century martial artist Ng Mui fled a burning monastery in the high mountains of China. A young teen Yim Wing Chun sheltered the tired woman in her small house.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. Ng Mui? _____

2. Ng Mui fleeing? _____

3. Yim Wing Chun? _____

4. Yim sheltering the woman? _____

2 Third and Fourth Sentences: But kind Yim was being forced to marry a cruel warlord and cried as she told Ng Mui her sad story. For months, Ng Mui taught Yim how to use her small fists and feet to block, punch, and kick.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. Yim telling her story? _____

2. Ng Mui teaching Yim? _____

3. Yim using her fists? _____

4. her using her feet? _____

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The Human Chain

A family of six swam near a busy beach but got swept farther out by a strong riptide. Derek Simmons and his wife Jessica were standing on the sand when they heard the frantic splashes of the drowning family. / Knowing that ants form a chain of bodies to rescue their own, the couple linked hands. Another beach-goer clasped Jessica's hand, and more people soon joined. / Now anchored to the long line, Derek waded deeper into the water and closer to the panicked family. Over eighty people stretched from shore to sea. / Derek reached the weary but relieved family, and with his open hand, he pulled them all safely back to shore.



Sentence by Sentence

Date: _____

Vocabulary to Visualize:

- riptide:** a strong, dangerous current
frantic: upset with fear, anxiety, or other emotion
anchored: secured firmly in position
waded: walked through water

1 First and Second Sentences: A family of six swam near a busy beach but got swept farther out by a strong riptide. Derek Simmons and his wife Jessica were standing on the sand when they heard the frantic splashes of the drowning family.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the family? _____

2. the riptide sweeping the family? _____

3. Derek and Jessica? _____

4. the sounds they hear? _____

2 Third and Fourth Sentences: Knowing that ants form a chain of bodies to rescue their own, the couple linked hands. Another beach-goer clasped Jessica's hand, and more people soon joined.

What did those words make you picture? _____

What did you picture for...

1. the couple linking hands? _____

2. a beach-goer clasping? _____

3. more people joining? _____

4. the human chain? _____
