

Mieko and The Fifth Treasure

Chapter 9 Answer the following reading comprehension questions in complete sentences.

1. What makes one artist's word picture different from another's when they are painting the same word?
2. How does Grandma show her pleasure when she hears that Mieko is entering the contest?
3. Why does Mieko tell stories to Yoshi when they practise their calligraphy?
4. Which word picture do you think sounds most interesting?
5. How do the girls warm their hands so they can keep practising?
6. Why does Grandma send the girls out in the snow?
7. Why does their Tengu song make them laugh?

Chapter 10 Choose the correct answer

1. Mieko is able to paint "feast" well when
 - A. she is eating her dinner
 - B. she practises with Yoshi
 - C. Grandma shows her how to make the characters
 - D. she pretends she can taste the food
2. Grandpa compares Mieko's brushstrokes with
 - A. Yoshi's brushstrokes
 - B. Mieko's earlier work
 - C. the brushstrokes in Aunt Hisako's book
 - D. the brushstrokes made by Kobo Daishi
3. Mieko thinks her calligraphy is not good enough because she
 - A. is still too clumsy

- B. has lost the fifth treasure
- C. hasn't practised enough
- D. does not have the right brushes

4. Grandpa advises Mieko

- A. to visit her mother and father
- B. to keep practising with Yoshi
- C. to stop worrying about her brushstrokes
- D. to take a rest

5. Grandpa tells Mieko that

- A. the bomb destroyed the fifth treasure
- B. that the treasure is inside of her and cannot be destroyed
- C. that the treasure is by his rock
- D. that she is healed now and should do better

6. Mieko helped Grandma clean the house

- A. for the New Year's celebrations
- B. because Yoshi was coming for a party
- C. because her hand was hurting
- D. because she had nothing else to do

7. Mieko kept rereading the letter from her mother because

- A. she did not believe that bamboo bends in the wind
- B. her mother believed in her
- C. she missed her mother very much
- D. she no longer cared about the contest