

I. Characters

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| _____ 1. Her husband locks her in the apartment because she is “too beautiful to look at.” | a. Esperanza |
| _____ 2. Esperanza does not want to inherit her “sadness” or “her place by the window.” | b. Nenny |
| _____ 3. She marries a “marshmallow salesman” to escape the strict religion of her father. | c. Mama |
| _____ 4. She misses her homeland and cries when her baby son begins speaking English. | d. Papa |
| _____ 5. She is too young to be Esperanza’s friend, but they often see things similarly. | e. Great-grandmother |
| _____ 6. She writes poems on “little pieces of paper” after her children have gone to bed. | ab. Cathy |
| _____ 7. He is likely an illegal alien, a <i>brazier</i> , who came to this country to earn money. | ac. Marin |
| _____ 8. When boys say “stupid things” to her, she stares at them “without even blinking.” | ad. Alicia |
| _____ 9. She is a racist claiming to be “the great great grand cousin of the queen of France.” | ae. Sally |
| _____ 10. The three sisters tell her she must one day return to Mango Street “for the others.” | bc. Geraldo |
| _____ 11. She was a strong swimmer who always had time to listen to Esperanza’s poetry. | bd. Rafaela |
| _____ 12. She sings operas with “velvety lungs” but thinks Madame Butterfly was “a fool.” | be. Elenita |
| _____ 13. Her father thinks she should be sleeping at night instead of studying for school. | cd. Minerva |
| _____ 14. Esperanza is “disappointed” after giving her five dollars to hear her fortune told. | ce. Aunt Lupe |
| _____ 15. On weekends he takes his family to look at all the rich houses where he works. | de. Mamacita |

II. Settings

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| _____ 16. Esperanza unexpectedly receives her first kiss from “an older Oriental man.” | a. Monkey Garden |
| _____ 17. Sally leans against the fence “with [her] eyes closed as if no one was watching.” | b. Canteen |
| _____ 18. Esperanza cries as the “special kids” watch her eat “a rice sandwich” by herself. | c. Junk Store |
| _____ 19. Uncle Nacho insists that Esperanza dance with him despite her wearing <i>chanclas</i> . | d. Bedroom |
| _____ 20. Esperanza cries helplessly as “the sky tipped” and the “high black gym shoes ran.” | e. Photo Shop |
| _____ 21. Papa breaks down and cries when he tells Esperanza that her <i>abuelito</i> has died. | ab. Church Basement |
| _____ 22. Esperanza finds “three big sticks and a brick” to try to protect Sally from the boys. | ac. Kitchen |
| _____ 23. Marin is asked for information about a boy she had danced with earlier that night. | ad. Schoolyard |
| _____ 24. Esperanza quickly turns away in shame “so Nenny won’t see how stupid [she is].” | ae. Carnival |
| _____ 25. Alicia sees mice late at night and early mornings when rising with the “tortilla star.” | bc. Hospital |

III. Metaphors/Symbols/Allusions

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| _____ 26. eyes like Egypt, nylons the color of smoke, and shiny black hair like raven feathers | a. Esperanza |
| _____ 27. a little oyster, a little piece of meat on an open shell for us to look at | b. Ruthie |
| _____ 28. red lipstick and blue babushka, one blue sock and one green | c. Marin |
| _____ 29. a wild horse of a woman who was carried off like a fancy chandelier | d. Sally |
| _____ 30. one with red red lips, beautiful and cruel, who has a power all her own | e. Papa |
| _____ 31. hair that smells like the warm smell of bread before you bake it | ab. Great-grandmother |
| _____ 32. dancing alone under the streetlight, waiting for a car to stop, a star to fall | ac. Mama |
| _____ 33. wakes up tired in the dark, drinks coffee, and is gone before the children wake | ad. Rafaela |
| _____ 34. coconut and papaya juice hauled up by a clothesline in a paper shopping bag | ae. Aunt Lupe |

IV. Comprehension (a = true; b = false)

- _____ 35. When Minerva comes over bruised and beaten, Esperanza says there is nothing she can do to help her.
- _____ 36. After Esperanza is sexually assaulted, she claims Sally, the storybooks, and the magazines all lied to her.
- _____ 37. When Sally gets married and moves to the suburbs, Esperanza is happy she has found someone to love.
- _____ 38. Esperanza feels ashamed after talking with the Three Sisters for having once made such a selfish wish.
- _____ 39. At the end of the novel Esperanza vows never to leave Mango Street so she can stay and help others.

V. Quotations

- _____ 40. "Yes. That's Mexico all right. That's what I was thinking exactly." a. Esperanza
b. Marin
- _____ 41. "Ah, yes, a home in the heart. I see a home in the heart. . . . A new house, a house made of heart. I'll light a candle for you." c. Mama
d. Cathy
e. Mr. Benny
- _____ 42. "You want a friend. Okay, I'll be your friend. But only till next Tuesday. That's when we move away. Got to. The neighborhood is getting bad." ab. Aunt Lupe
ac. Nenny
ad. Mamacita
- _____ 43. "That's nice. That's very good. You just remember to keep writing, Esperanza. You must keep writing. It will keep you free." ae. Gil
bc. Alicia
bd. Elenita
- _____ 44. "This . . . this ain't for sale."
- _____ 45. "I have begun my own quiet war. Simple. Sure. I am one who leaves the table like a man, without putting back the chair or picking up the plate."
- _____ 46. "He not here. . . . No speak English. . . . Holy smokes!"
- _____ 47. "Shame is a bad thing, you know. It keeps you down. You want to know why I quit school? Because I didn't have nice clothes. No clothes, but I had brains. Yup, I was a smart cookie then."
- _____ 48. "Like it or not you are Mango Street, and one day you'll come back too. Who's going to [make it better]? The mayor?"
- _____ 49. "The best jobs are [downtown], since you always get to look beautiful and get to wear nice clothes and can meet someone in the subway who might marry you and take you to live in a big house far away."
- _____ 50. "Your mother know you got shoes like that? Who give you those? Them are dangerous. You girls too young to be wearing shoes like that. Take them shoes off before I call the cops."

Answer Key:

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| 1. bd | 26. d |
| 2. e | 27. ae |
| 3. ae | 28. b |
| 4. de | 29. ab |
| 5. b | 30. a |
| 6. cd | 31. ac |
| 7. bc | 32. c |
| 8. ac | 33. e |
| 9. ab | 34. ad |
| 10. a | |
| 11. ce | 35. a |
| 12. c | 36. a |
| 13. ad | 37. b |
| 14. be | 38. a |
| 15. d | 39. b |
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| 16. e | 40. ac |
| 17. ad | 41. bd |
| 18. b | 42. d |
| 19. ab | 43. ab |
| 20. ae | 44. ae |
| 21. d | 45. a |
| 22. a | 46. ad |
| 23. bc | 47. c |
| 24. c | 48. bc |
| 25. ac | 49. b |
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