

Remembering Baba
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Pre-Reading

Who or what do you think Shahanaz may be trying to remember?

Reading Comprehension

- 1) What made Shahanaz sad? (Understanding Emotions)
 - a) Baba had to live in Bangladesh while Shahanaz lived in the US.
 - b) Baba could not remember Shahanaz well.
 - c) Shahanaz could not remember Baba well.
 - d) Shahanaz's mother scolded her for clutching her card tightly.

- 2) How were Letty, Jamal, and Shahanaz alike? (Compare and Contrast)
 - a) They all spoke the same language at home.
 - b) They all celebrated Kwanzaa.
 - c) They were all from the Dominican Republic.
 - d) They all were separated from their fathers.

- 3) What does Baba mean? (Context Clues)
 - a) father
 - b) a special type of food from Bangladesh
 - c) a special type of holiday from Bangladesh
 - d) a drawing on a holiday card

- 4) How are Shahanaz and Baba alike? (Compare and Contrast)
 - a) They both like Hindi movies.
 - b) They talk late at night.
 - c) They both have crooked smiles.
 - d) They both write in Bengali.

- 5) Do you think that Shahanaz liked arts day at daycare? (Inference)

Vocabulary

- 1) Baba had a job _____ tables at the restaurant.
 - a. clutching
 - b. bussing
 - c. Kwanzaa
 - d. stooping

- 2) Many African American children at the daycare made cards for
 - a. Kwanzaa
 - b. Eid
 - c. stoop
 - d. Papi

- 3) Maria speaks Spanish at home. She may call her father
- Mami
 - Baba
 - Papi
 - Amigo
- 4) Shahanaz didn't feel like sitting inside anymore, so she went out and sat on the
- diner
 - bus
 - stoop
 - clutch
- 5) Letty was scared that they would take away her favorite shirt, so she _____ it tightly.
- clutched
 - bussed
 - stooped
 - Papi

Writing Extension

Write a letter to a grown-up who is important in your life, and tell him/her why (s)he means so much to you.