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The Joy Luck Club told by Jing-mei Woo
1. Why was Jing-mei taking part in the Joy Luck Club?
Because her mother had died and she was asked by her father to be "the fourth corner" at the game.
2. How many Joy Luck Clubs have there been?
There have been two Joy Luck Clubs.
3. Why did Jing-mei's mother from the Joy Luck Club in Kowloon?
She formed the club in Kowloon to give herself and some friends a diversion from the horrors of war.
4. Why did the women in the club call it Joy Luck?
Because the women hoped to be lucky, and that hope was their only joy.
5. What surprising information did Jing-mei finally learn from her mother's story about leaving Kowloon?
She finally realized that her mother had left her two daughters behind.
6. How do the people at the San Francisco Joy Luck Club eat?
They eat as though they had been starving.
7. Why did "the aunts" give Jing-mei \$1200 in an envelope?
They collected the money so that Jing-mei could go to China and meet her half-sisters.
8. What do "the aunts" want Jing-mei to tell her sisters in China?
They want her to tell her half-sisters about her mother.
9. What surprising thing does Jing-mei tell her "aunts" about her own mother?
Jing-mei tells her "aunts" that she really doesn't know anything about her mother.
10. What does Jing-mei promise "the aunts" at the end of the story?
She promises that she will tell her sisters everything about her mother.

Scar told by An-Mei Hsu
1. What did An-mei's mother do to become a ghost?
An-mei's mother became a ghost by showing disrespect for her family.
2. What did it mean to An-mei's family to become a ghost?
That everyone was forbidden to talk about the person.
3. Why did An-mei's grandmother say bad things about her own grandchildren?
She said bad things so that ghosts would think the children were not worth stealing.
4. What happened to the greedy girl in An-mei's grandmother's story?
She grew fatter and fatter and finally poisoned herself after refusing to say whose child she carried.
5. In An-mei's grandmother's story, what happened to the little girl who refused to listen to her elders?
She refused her aunt's request and a little ball fell from her ear and all her brains poured out.
6. Why was An-mei told never to say her mother's name?
Because to say her mother's name was to spit on her father's grave.
7. In Scar, what is the definition of *shame*?
Shame is having no respect for ancestors or family.
8. What is An-mei's "stone-nothing face"?
It is the face she puts on when she doesn't want to reveal her true emotions.

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