

Open Forum 2

Web Site Worksheet

Chapter 12

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1. Preparing to Listen

You are going to listen to an interview with an author. Before you listen, think about the following question.

What advice would you give to parents who are moving to another country with small children?



2. Listening for Main Ideas

Read questions 1 and 2. Listen to the interview. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. Rachel Asher believes _____.
 - a. her experiences raising a child overseas can help other parents in the same situation
 - b. the experiences of other parents have helped her to successfully raise her children overseas
 - c. the experiences of foreign parents she met overseas have helped her to be a better mother
2. Asher's main point is that children may have difficulty _____.
 - a. adjusting to cultural differences
 - b. remembering to take their shoes off
 - c. playing with other children



3. Listening for More Detail

Read questions 3—11. Then listen to the interview again and choose the correct answer for each question.

3. Rachel Asher worked _____.
 - a. for a Japanese company
 - b. overseas
 - c. with children
4. The author and her husband _____.
 - a. lived in Tokyo
 - b. are Japanese
 - c. had trouble learning Japanese customs

5. The author told her daughter that in Japan _____.
 - a. she should remove her shoes when entering a home
 - b. she should play nicely with other children
 - c. she should not sleep on the floor
6. The author took her daughter to a Japanese home to _____.
 - a. have lunch
 - b. learn about Japanese culture
 - c. play with a classmate
7. Which culture teaches that the floor is dirty?
 - a. Japanese
 - b. American
 - c. both a. and b.
8. How did the author's daughter feel about removing her shoes before entering a Japanese home?
 - a. confused
 - b. happy
 - c. angry
9. Why did the author's daughter think that Makiko's family was dirty?
 - a. because they sleep on the floor
 - b. because they do not wear shoes
 - c. because they do not sweep the floor
10. How did Makiko's grandmother react to Susan?
 - a. She told her to leave.
 - b. She listened to her.
 - c. She explained Japanese culture to her.
11. What does the author believe children need in order to deal successfully with cultural differences?
 - a. They need to learn about cultural differences through trial and error.
 - b. They need to have a tutor from another culture come speak to them.
 - c. They need to learn about the thinking that is behind a custom.