



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is Ian?
2. What is the narrator doing at the start of the story?
3. Who pulled up in a car?
4. Why is Paw-paw coming to live with them?
5. What did Paw-paw have to leave behind in Hong Kong?
6. What did the narrator have to give up in order for her family to pay for Paw-paw's journey to America?
7. What did the narrator notice right away that was different about Paw-paw?
8. What happened when the narrator, Stacy, hugged Paw-paw?
9. What did Paw-paw seem to like or notice about Ian, Stacy's little brother?
10. As they went into the apartment, Stacy remembers what happened to her mother after her father died. What was that?
11. Describe Paw-paw's journey up the stairs.
12. What did Stacy begin to do while guarding her grandmother's belongs?
13. What did Stacy learn had to happen before she could have ballet lessons again?
14. What new rules did Stacy's mother put into effect after Paw-paw came to live with them?
15. What response did Stacy's mother give her when she complained that Paw-paw is spoiling Ian?
16. What had Paw-paw taught Ian?
17. What did Stacy realize about the differences in her and Ian?
18. Because of her looks, Stacy felt her grandmother treated her like what?
19. What does Stacy love the most?
20. What had Stacy planned to ask Paw-paw to do for her?

21. Describe how Paw-paw responded.
22. When Stacy's mother came into the room, what did Stacy complain about?
23. What did Paw-paw demand from her daughter, Stacy's mother?
24. What happened next?
25. What did Stacy's mom tell her about Paw-paw's reaction to the ribbons?
26. Because of what had happened, Stacy decided to do what?
27. What did Stacy see that changed her?
28. Describe Paw-paw's feet.
29. What did Stacy's mother tell her about the Chinese foot-binding tradition?
30. What was Paw-paw's parents' reason for doing it to her?
31. According to Stacy's mother, what connection had Paw-paw made when she saw Stacy's ribbons?
32. What did the ribbons **symbolize** to Paw-paw?
33. Explain what the presence and absent of ribbons on Paw-paw's feet did to her.
34. How did Stacy show respect for Paw-paw when reading the story, "The Little Mermaid" to Ian?
35. How does Paw-paw react?
36. How did Paw-paw explain the ending of the story to Ian, who thought it was dumb?
37. How did Stacy use this situation to teach Paw-paw?
38. How did Paw-paw explain her earlier actions?
39. How did Stacy react and feel then?
40. What did Stacy ask for?
41. Paw-paw began doing what?