

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

The House on Mango Street - Laughter

1. Name the members of the narrator's family.
2. How was the house on Mango Street different than the other houses the family had lived in?
3. Describe the house on Mango Street.
4. Why does the narrator say Nenny is not her friend?
5. What does the narrator want to have someday? (Boys & Girls)
6. What is the narrator's name? What does it mean in English and in Spanish? After whom is she named? (My Name)
7. What did Esperanza buy? How did she go about buying it? (Our Good Day)

Gil's Furniture Bought & Sold - There Was an Old Woman

1. What did the girls discover in the furniture store that made Esperanza feel stupid? (Gil's)
2. What is special about the tree in Meme's yard? (Meme Ortiz)
3. What happened when Louie's other cousin visited? (Louie, His Cousin & His Other Cousin)
4. Where is Marin going in a year? Why? (Marin)
5. What matters, according to Marin? (Marin)
6. What scares the people who come into Esperanza's neighborhood? What does Esperanza think of them? (Those Who Don't)
7. What does Esperanza say the Vargas kids don't have? (There Was an Old Woman)

Alicia Who Sees Mice - A Rice Sandwich

1. What does Esperanza say about Alicia? (Alicia Who Sees Mice)
2. What wise thing did Darius say? (Darius & the Clouds)
3. What happened while the girls were looking at the clouds? (And Some More)
4. Where did the girls get the shoes? What did they do with them? (The Family of Little Feet)
5. What happened when Esperanza took the note asking if she could stay for lunch? (A Rice Sandwich)

Chanclas - Born Bad

1. Why doesn't Esperanza want to dance? (Chanclas)
2. How does Esperanza describe her feet? (Chanclas)
3. To what does Esperanza compare her hips? (Hips)
4. What information about hips does Esperanza have? (Hips)
5. Why does Esperanza want to work? (The First Job)
6. What happened to her at her job? (The First Job)
7. What news had Papa received? What does Esperanza do? (Papa . . .)
8. What did the girls do to Aunt Lupe? Why did they do it? What happened to Aunt Lupe that day?
9. What did Esperanza's mother say about it? (Born Bad)

Elenita, Cards, Palm, Water - No Speak English

1. How does Esperanza describe Elenita? (Elenita, Cards ...)
2. Esperanza asked about a house. What was Elenita's response? (Elenita, Cards ...)
3. Who was Geraldo? What happened to him? How did Marin feel about it?
4. What is different about Ruthie? (Edna's Ruthie)
5. What does Esperanza think about Ruthie? (Edna's Ruthie)
6. What do all of the children in the neighborhood disagree on regarding Earl? About what do they agree? (The Earl of Tennessee)
7. Who are Sire and Lois? What did Esperanza notice about Sire? (Sire)
8. What does Esperanza say about the trees? (Four Skinny Trees)
9. What broke Mamacita's heart? (No Speak English)

Rafaela Who Drinks Coconut . . . - What Sally Said

1. Why does Rafaela's husband lock her in the apartment? (Rafaela Who Drinks Coconut)
2. What does Rafaela like to drink? (Rafaela)
3. According to Esperanza, what does Sally want? (Sally)
4. Describe Minerva's life. (Minerva Write Poems)
5. Why doesn't Esperanza go out with her family on Sundays anymore? (Bums in the Attic)
6. What does Esperanza say she will do when she is older? (Bums in the Attic)
7. What does Esperanza decide about growing up? (Beautiful & Cruel)
8. What does Esperanza's mother say about herself? What does she tell Esperanza? (Smart Cookie)
9. What happened to Sally? (What Sally Said)

The Monkey Garden - Mango Says Goodbye Sometimes

1. How did Esperanza feel when Sally went into the garden with the boys? What did she do? (The Monkey Garden)
2. Why does Esperanza think Sally got married? (Linoleum Roses)
3. What does Sally do all day? Why? (Linoleum Roses)
4. What did the three sisters tell Esperanza? (The Three Sisters)
5. How does Esperanza feel about Mango Street? (Alicia & I)
6. How does Esperanza describe the house she wants? (A House of My Own)
7. What does Esperanza say she likes to do? (Mango Says Goodbye)