

“Two Kinds” by Amy Tan - Story Vocabulary

Word	Definition
reproach <i>n.</i>	disapproval; criticisms
conspired <i>v.</i>	planned together secretly
devastated <i>v.</i>	destroyed; completely upset
nonchalantly <i>adv.</i>	seemingly uninterested
expectations <i>n.</i>	things looked forward to
sentimental <i>adj.</i>	emotional; showing tender feeling
lament <i>v.</i>	to show sadness/sorrow; to regret deeply
prodigy <i>n.</i>	a genius
clamor <i>n.</i>	a loud noise
mesmerize <i>v.</i>	fascinate; hypnotize
listless <i>adj.</i>	without energy
dawdled <i>v.</i>	moved slowly
debut <i>n.</i>	first public appearance
fiasco <i>n.</i>	complete failure
inevitable <i>adj.</i>	unavoidable

1. Why would your mother lament over your grades?
2. Name three kinds of prodigies:
3. Why did your father reproach you harshly?
4. Why was there clamor coming from the kitchen?
5. What things mesmerize you?
6. Why might you feel listless in the morning?
7. Why were you dawdling while doing your homework?
8. What might the ballerina do after she makes her debut?
9. How did the party turn into a complete fiasco?
10. What did the two boys conspire that got them into trouble with the principal?
11. How do you know that she was devastated over her report card grades?
12. Why might people feel sentimental at the movies?
13. If you wanted to appear nonchalant in front of your crush, what might you do?
14. Name at least two things that are inevitable in life.
15. What are at least three expectations of a good student?