

Grade: 8A

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Subject: Comprehension Worksheet - "Five New Words at a Time" and "Quilt" pp. 84-87

Educational Outcome: to respond to comprehension questions effectively, using proper language

1. What is the **genre** of "Five New Words at a Time"? It's a personal narrative.

2. "Five New Words at a Time" is told in **first-person** **point of view**.

3. What did Yu-Lan **dread** and why?

Yu-Lan dreaded going to school because she was afraid of not understanding what people were saying in English and of being laughed at by her classmates.

4. Describe the mother's **physical** appearance and **personality**.

Yu-Lan's mother is described as having big, black eyes and long, black hair. Despite being physically small, she has a strong and admirable personality. She is hardworking, caring, devoted, determined, and supportive.

5. Describe the **relationship** between Yu-Lan and her mother.

The relationship between Yu-Lan and her mother is loving, supportive, and close. Yu-Lan's mother notices when something is troubling her, and she is willing to help her. They respect and admire each other.

6. Did Yu-Lan and her mother **achieve their goal**? Explain.

Yes, Yu-Lan became able to understand and communicate in English, and her mother was eventually able to pass the postal entrance exam.

7. Would you **recommend** Yu-Lan's mother's **approach** of learning five new words a day?

Yes, I would recommend it because learning five words a day is a simple and manageable goal. Taking small steps like this can make learning feel less overwhelming and help build confidence over time.

➤ **Big Question– What are the Benefits of Facing Challenges?**

8. Think of a recent **challenge** you've had to face. Compare your experience to Yu-Lan's in terms of **feelings**, **approach**, and **outcome**.

(one possible answer) A recent challenge I faced was **starting at a new school**. I felt **nervous** and **worried**. At first, I was **scared that I wouldn't make any friends or fit in**. Like Yu-Lan, I decided to **take small steps to help me adjust—I introduced myself to one or two people each day**. **Over time, I started to feel more comfortable, and I made a few good friends**.

➤ **Figures of Speech**

9. Find an example of a **metaphor** in the poem "Quilt" p.87 and explain it.

"Our family is a quilt."

The speaker compares her family to a quilt. A family is made up of different, unique people, like different pieces of patches in a quilt. These pieces are "patched together" to create something strong and warm.

➤ **Connect**

10. Think about the **personal narrative** and the **poem** we read. Which one do you **connect with more**, and **why**? Explain what makes you feel that way.

(one possible answer) I connect more with Quilt because it reminds me of how my family, though imperfect, is always there for me. Like the quilt in the poem, our family has flaws, but we still hold each other up and keep each other strong. The warmth and comfort in the poem feel familiar, like how family helps me through tough times.