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1. What is the genre of the text?
2. What point of view is the story told from?
3. In the sentence "I dreaded going to school each morning," what does the word "dreaded" mean?
4. What does the pronoun "her" refer to in the phrase "her job exhausted her"?
5. Why do you think the author uses the comparison "Like a hen guarding her chicks"? What does it suggest about the mother's feelings towards her children?
6. How might the experiences described in the text shape the narrator's feelings about school and learning English?
7. Who worked part-time in a Chinese restaurant?
8. When did the narrator's family come to America?
9. Where did the narrator attend school?
10. Why was the English as a Second Language class overcrowded?
11. What time of day did the narrator's mother work?
12. How does the narrator describe their mother's daily routine?