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Contemporary Fiction

Lesson 1

crumbling

slowly falling apart, usually by breaking into small pieces

elm

a type of tree, usually large

flat

an apartment

temporary

not lasting a long time, not permanent

washroom

a room, often public, with washing and usually toilet facilities

annotate

to add notes to a text or drawing to explain it or comment on it

deduction

a conclusion or answer arrived at from the evidence

emphasis

added stress or force to something written

setting

the time and place of the story

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vignette

a short episode, account, or description

visualization

forming images in your mind

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Lesson 2

aspiration

the hope of achieving something

baptize

to perform a Christian ceremony through which people are named

chandelier

a lamp that hangs from the ceiling

Year of the Horse

the Chinese have a twelve-year cycle where each year is named after an animal

fancy

nice and probably expensive

records

flat discs that store music and can be played aloud

sobbing

crying a lot

character

the qualities and personality of someone in the book

theme

a key subject or idea, usually seen repeatedly in text

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Lesson 3 & 4

perception

the way something is seen. People can have different perceptions of the same event.

scene

place where an event happens, or a sequence of action in a movie, play, or book

opera

a musical performance in which all the words are sung

**Madame
Butterfly**

a famous opera in which the title character falls in love with a man who betrays her

rosebuds

small young roses before they become full flowers

smart cookie

a clever person

velvety

like velvet, a soft, expensive fabric

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Lesson 5 & 7

figurative language

words or phrases that mean more than their dictionary definition; similes and metaphors are two examples of figurative language

metaphor

a comparison that does not use the word like or as

personification

describing non-human things as if they had human qualities

simile

a comparison using the word like or as

chip in

contribute, help out

complicated

difficult to explain

crooked

not straight

especially

particularly

personal pronoun

shows the person or people speaking, being spoken to, or being spoken about without naming that person or people

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Lesson 8 & 9

dumb

not smart, stupid

straw brim

a straw hat with a band that casts shade on the face

ballerina

a kind of professional dancer

brass

a shiny metal that is quite expensive and heavy

marimbas

a musical instrument, similar to a xylophone, that you hit in different places to create different musical notes

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Lesson 10 & 11

barely

only just

cinnamon

a kind of spice

porcelain

almost transparent china; it can have “veins” a little bit like the hands of an elderly person

satin

a smooth shiny fabric

selfish

only thinking about oneself

marched

walked fast and with purpose

trudged

walked with heavy steps