

**Choose the best answer.**

My daughter wanted to go to China for her wedding trip, but now she is afraid. ‘What if they think I’m one of them?’ she asked me. What if they don’t let me come back to the United States?’

‘When you go to China,’ I told her, ‘you don’t even need to open your mouth. They already (1) **aware / know / distinguish / identify** you’re an outsider.’

‘What are you (2) **speaking / saying / talking / chatting** about?’ she asked. My daughter likes (3) **to speak / speak / to speaking / spoken** back, and question what I (4) **tell / say / declare / reply**.

‘Aii-ya,’ I said. ‘They know, just (5) **looking / staring / surveying / watching** the way you walk, the way (6) **you’ll / you’d / you / you’re** carry your face. They know you (7) **are / do / could / should** not belong.’

My daughter did not (8) **look / look like / look as if / look at** pleased when I told her that (9) **her / she’s / hers / she** didn’t look Chinese. Maybe ten years (10) **before / ago / previous / in advance**, she would have thought it was (11) **bad / nice / good / ugly** news. But now she wants (12) **being / to be / be / have been** Chinese, because it’s so fashionable. And (13) **she / we / I / they** know it’s too late. All those (14) **years / time / periods / days** I tried to teach her! She (15) **listened / kept / used / followed** my Chinese ways only until she (16) **studied / learnt / understood / taught** how to walk out of the (17) **entrance / door / access / way** by herself and go to school. (18) **Only / Alone / Simply / Singly** her skin and hair are Chinese; (19) **interior / in / inside / inner**, she is all American-made. She (20) **couldn’t / cannot / can / won’t** even speak Chinese.

It’s my fault (21) **he / we / it / she** is this way. I wanted my (22) **sisters / children / relatives / parents** to have American circumstances and Chinese (23) **nature / atmosphere / reputation / character**. How could I know these two (24) **parts / things / items / objects** do not mix? I taught her (25) **how / how much / how’s / how do** American circumstances work. If you are (26) **created / invented / born / delivered** poor here, it’s no lasting shame; (27) **a / some / this / the** government gives you money. If the (28) **sky / roof / house / floor** crashes down on your head, no (29) **need / should / one / needn’t** to cry over this bad luck; (30) **those / the / all / these** lawyers will make the owner repair it. In America, nobody says you have to keep the circumstances you find yourself in.

She learnt these things, but I couldn’t teach her about Chinese character. How to obey parents and listen to your mother’s mind. How not to show your own thoughts, how to know your own worth. Why Chinese thinking is best. She never learnt this.

- ANSWERS
- 1. know
  - 2. talking
  - 3. to speak
  - 4. say
  - 5. watching
  - 6. you
  - 7. do
  - 8. look
  - 9. she
  - 10. ago
  - 11. good
  - 12. to be
  - 13. I
  - 14. years
  - 15. followed
  - 16. learnt
  - 17. door
  - 18. Only
  - 19. inside
  - 20. cannot
  - 21. she
  - 22. children
  - 23. character
  - 24. things
  - 25. how
  - 26. born
  - 27. the
  - 28. roof
  - 29. need
  - 30. the