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**1 Tick  the six true sentences about Effia from Chapter One.**

- 1 She was born in the land of the Fante people.
- 2 A fierce fire burned through the woods near her village on the night she was born.
- 3 The villagers thought Effia had brought bad luck when she was born.
- 4 Baaba loved Effia.
- 5 When Effia cried, Baaba picked her up and sang to her.
- 6 Effia accidentally dropped Fiifi.
- 7 He was hurt very badly and cried a lot.
- 8 Baaba beat Effia across her back with a stick.
- 9 Effia grew to be a very beautiful girl.
- 10 Nobody in the village wanted to marry her.

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**2 Complete the sentences. Choose names from the box.**

Fiifi      Effia      Baaba      James Collins      Cobbe      Abeeku

- 1 ..... became the new chief of the village.
- 2 Although ..... was younger, because he was a boy he was allowed in the meeting.
- 3 ..... was the governor of Cape Coast Castle.
- 4 Nobody came to ..... 's wedding at the Castle. She was alone.
- 5 ..... was not Effia's real mother.
- 6 ..... died with Effia still holding his hand.

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**3 Choose the correct answers (a, b, c, or d) about Chapter Two.**

- 1 Where was Esi at the beginning of the chapter?
  - a at home in her Asante village
  - b hiding in a tree
  - c on a slave ship
  - d trapped in the prisons below the Cape Coast Castle

- 2 Who was Big Man?
- a Abronoma's brother
  - b Esi's husband
  - c the best fighter in the Asante Village
  - d the chief of the Asante village
- 3 What did Maame teach Abronoma to do?
- a carry water on her head
  - b clean the house
  - c cook the family meals
  - d speak the Asante language
- 4 Which of these sentences is true?
- a Esi's father was a slave for a Fante family.
  - b Esi's mother was a slave for a Fante family.
  - c Esi saved Abronoma from her father's stick.
  - d Esi wanted to marry a Fante man.
- 5 Why was Esi's village attacked?
- a Because Big Man was hurt and couldn't fight.
  - b Because Effia wanted to find her sister.
  - c Because Esi passed on a message to Abronoma's father.
  - d Because the Fante wanted Maame back as a slave.
- 6 When did Esi lose her mother's stone?
- a When Fiifi hit her and it fell out of her pocket.
  - b When she had to leave the castle in a hurry and go onto a ship.
  - c When some of the soldiers attacked her.
  - d When she swallowed it and couldn't find it again.

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**4 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–g) below. There are two extra sentences.**

Quey had received a message from his old friend Cudjo, but he did not know how he would answer.

<sup>1</sup>..... Quey did not like staying in the village. He preferred his life in England, or even in Cape Coast Castle. The village was hot and full of biting insects.

Quey had not worked in the village for long. Before his father, James Collins, died, Quey worked in an office in the Castle. <sup>2</sup>.....

“We need to improve our relationship with Abeeku Badu's village,” he said. “We've heard that they're working with new independent companies, and we don't want that. <sup>3</sup>..... We want you to go and make them sign our trade agreement.”

Quey had nodded and accepted his new job, but he was not happy about it. For some reason, Quey felt like he was being punished for something.

At sunrise, Quey went to visit his uncle Fiifi. It was difficult to believe that Fiifi was really his uncle.

<sup>4</sup>..... Quey did not think they looked like family at all.

“Good morning, my son!” said Fiifi when he saw Quey approaching. “Sit and eat with me.” Quey sat down as Fiifi’s servant girl brought out bowls of breakfast for them.

“Uncle, I’ve been here for a month,” said Quey. “But we still haven’t spoken about our trade agreements. We can give you more money, but you have to promise to stop working with other companies.”

Fiifi did not listen. <sup>5</sup>..... Quey had given the same speech many times before, but Fiifi always ignored him.

- a Because of your parents’ history and your Uncle Fiifi, I think you would be very helpful in the village.
- b But after James’s death, the new governor of Cape Coast Castle made some changes.
- c Fiifi was a big man with strong muscles, while Quey was the exact opposite.
- d He grew up in the Castle and spent most of his time with his mother, Effia.
- e He never did.
- f He was in his mother Effia’s old village, trying his best to sleep.
- g While the two men spoke about trade, he continued eating.

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**5 Complete the conversation in Chapter Three. Choose the best answers from the box.**

How could I be scared of losing against someone with such small arms.

Yes.	I don’t want to.	No, I know you wouldn’t hurt me.
I’ll wrestle you now.		You’ve never been too tired to win.

- Cudjo: When will you wrestle me?  
 Quey: **1** .....
- Cudjo: Why? Are you scared you’ll lose?  
 Quey: **2** .....
- Cudjo: My arms aren’t small! Does this feel small to you? Were you scared, Quey?  
 Quey: **3** .....
- Cudjo: Are you sure?  
 Quey: **4** .....
- Cudjo: Wrestle me!  
 Quey: **5** .....
- Cudjo: You only want to wrestle now because you know I’m too tired to win.  
 Quey: **6** .....
- Cudjo: OK, we can wrestle if you catch me first!

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**6 Complete the information about Ness from Chapter Four.**

**Name:** Ness

**As a child:** Separated from her mother, <sup>1</sup> .....

**Sold to:** a <sup>2</sup> .....

**Age:** about <sup>3</sup> .....

**Worked for Thomas Allan Stockham's:** <sup>4</sup> ..... for <sup>5</sup> .....

as a <sup>6</sup> .....

**Appearance:** <sup>7</sup> ....., with <sup>8</sup> .....

hair and she had horrible, deep <sup>9</sup> ..... all over

her body from her <sup>10</sup> ..... to her legs.

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**7 Answer the questions about Chapter Four.**

- 1 Why did Ness never drop the cotton when she worked on the plantation she called Hell?  
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- 2 How did Ness get through every day working in the field?  
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- 3 What was wrong with Tim Tam's daughter, Pinky?  
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- 4 Where did Pinky sleep every night after that?  
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- 5 Who made Pinky spill the water for the baths?  
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- 6 When did Tom Allan come out of the house?  
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**8 Match the two parts of the sentences from Chapter Five.**

- 1 James, who was named after his grandfather James Collins, .....
- 2 His father was Quey, a very powerful man in their Fante village, .....
- 3 James looked up to see his father walking toward him .....
- 4 James knew that it was because of the British that the Fante and Asante villages .....
- 5 The British knew that people would be sold as prisoners to trade into slavery .....
- 6 James would not be surprised to find out .....

- a and his mother was Nana Yaa, the eldest daughter of the Asante King.
- b had been at war for years.
- c no matter who won the fighting.
- d that the British had killed his grandfather, just to encourage more fighting.
- e was not worried about the Asante people coming to hurt his village.
- f with one of the white men from the Castle.

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**9 Read these sentences about Chapter Five. Write T (true) or F (false), or DS (does not say).**

- 1 Quey gave his son three white names. ....
- 2 James's parents married because they loved each other. ....
- 3 There was only one road to the Asante King's palace. ....
- 4 James was happy about his parents' choice of wife for him. ....
- 5 Amma Atta loves James very much. ....
- 6 The British were no longer selling slaves to the Americans, but slavery had not ended. ....

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**10 Complete the text with the missing words.**

The police were coming to investigate a robbery on the ship Kojo was working on. Kojo's full name was Kojo Freeman, but everyone <sup>1</sup> ..... him Jo. Jo had nothing to hide, but he did not like the police. They <sup>2</sup> ..... him nervous. When he heard the police <sup>3</sup> ..... be arriving on the boat shortly, Jo jumped off and started to walk home.

Jo loved his job, and he was very good <sup>4</sup> ..... it, too. Ma Aku did not understand <sup>5</sup> ..... he liked working on boats. She said that there was something evil about black men building the things that <sup>6</sup> ..... stolen them from Africa and brought them to America in the first place.

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**11 Correct the sentences from Chapter Six.**

1 Jo lived in Baltimore with his real mother Ma Aku, Jo's wife, Anna, and their three children.

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2 Ma Aku and Anna cleaned hotels together while Jo worked in a restaurant.

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3 They lived as free people, but they felt like slaves.

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4 Jo had been a slave once. He was only twenty years old, yet every time he saw one of the few slaves in Baltimore, he felt like he forgot.

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5 When he saw the slaves, he understood how easily that could have been him if Ma Aku had not bought him and sold him on.

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6 Ma Aku sometimes told him about their lives back in the South, about his brother and sister, Ness and Sam, and all they had done to make sure he was free.

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7 Jo was grateful. Because of them, he had to worry about picking cotton in a hot field somewhere, or being beaten and whipped by a kind master.

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8 He didn't have to work hard in Baltimore, but at least he wasn't free.

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**12 Complete the sentences from Chapter Six. Choose names from the box.**

Felicity      Agnes      Gracie      Beulah      Eurias      Cato      Ma Aku

1 ..... died.

2 ..... had three children.

3 ..... was pregnant.

4 ..... and ..... were both married.

5 ..... and ..... both found jobs away from the family home as soon as they could.

6 ..... moved to New York to get away from the memory of Anna and found whatever work he could.

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**13 Change the reported speech into direct speech.**

1 Abena's father asked her why she would want to do that.

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2 Abena checked that she was an Asante.

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3 Abena asked if they didn't come from Kumasi.

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4 Abena asked her mother why her parents hadn't wanted her to marry her father.

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5 Abena said to Ohene that if he hadn't married her by then, he wouldn't ever marry her.

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6 The old man asked Abena if she was a ghost.

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**14 List what Ohene sold his cocoa beans for in other villages in Chapter Seven.**

a .....

b .....

c .....

d .....

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**15 Complete the conversation from Chapter Eight. Choose the correct words (a, b, c, or d).**

H: I ain't done nothing!

Man: Stop it, <sup>1</sup> they kill you.

- a after
- b before
- c for
- d or

H: Nobody can kill me.

Man: Those white people <sup>2</sup> **a** shall kill you

- b** shan't
- c** will
- d** won't

H: Why? I told you, I didn't do anything.

Man: That's not what I heard. They said you were talking <sup>3</sup> **a** about a white woman!

- b** at
- c** on
- d** to

H: Why would I do that?

Man: Boy, look at you. You think just because you're big and strong that you're safe from them? No. Those white people hate to see a free black man. They'll say anything to get you back in

chains again. <sup>4</sup> **a** Did matter if it's true or not.

- b** Didn't
- c** Does
- d** Doesn't

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**16** Answer the questions. Choose numbers from the box and use them to write sentences.

four days      \$5      ten years      ten men      \$10      thousands of pounds

- 1** How long did H spend in jail? .....
- 2** How much was the fine to pay to be free again? .....
- 3** How much money did H have? .....
- 4** How many other men was H chained to? .....
- 5** How long was he sold to work in the coal mines for? .....
- 6** How much coal did H and the other men have to shovel? .....

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**17** Complete these lists from Chapter Eight. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.

to pay more	better care for the sick	to work fewer hours
better pay	to replace the free miners with prisoners	

**The miners' demands:** .....

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**The bosses' offer:** .....

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**18** Complete the text from Chapter Nine. Choose the correct words (a, b, c, or d).

Akua had horrible dreams—nightmares—every night. In these nightmares, she saw a terrible fire

<sup>1</sup> **a** that destroyed everything all the way from Fanteland into Asanteland. The fire was shaped

- b** what
- c** who
- d** whose

<sup>2</sup> **a** as a woman holding two babies to her heart. This firewoman would carry the two little

- b** from
- c** like
- d** to

girls and then the girls would disappear, and the firewoman's <sup>3</sup> **a** sad would start another fire

- b** sadder
- c** sadly
- d** sadness

that destroyed everything in <sup>4</sup> **a** saw .

- b** seen
- c** seeing
- d** sight

Akua first dreamed of the fire sixteen years after her pregnant mother, Abena, had arrived at the

Christian church in Kumasi. Abena had died <sup>5</sup> **a** short after and Akua was left in the hands of

- b** shortly
- c** shorten
- d** shorter

the church missionaries.

Akua knew she had dreamed about the firewoman again that night because she woke up screaming.

Her husband, Asamoah, woke up next to her and immediately <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for the knife he kept by

- a reached
- b got
- c came
- d arrived

their bed.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.

“I had the nightmare again,” said Akua. She did not realize that she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ until

- a cried
- b had cried
- c had been crying
- d is crying

Asamoah pulled her into his arms and hugged her tightly. “It’s the fire. I keep dreaming about fire.”

Asamoah shook his head. “How <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about your fire dreams when the British have

- a can I worry
- b did I worry
- c will I worry
- d worry I

taken away the Asante King?”

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**19 Put the information from Chapter Ten about Willie’s two husbands in the correct column.**

kissed Willie in front of some white men      was the whitest black boy Willie had ever seen  
 showed her things and places she had never dreamed of      was Josephine’s father      was a poet  
 wanted a place of their own      was Carson’s father      would not leave Willie with any money

Robert	Eli

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**20 Complete Yaw’s students’ ideas about how he got his scar from Chapter Eleven.**

“They say you were born in <sup>1</sup>..... , and that’s why you’re so <sup>2</sup>..... .”  
 “I heard that your mother was fighting <sup>3</sup>..... spirits from the spirit world.”  
 “I heard that your <sup>4</sup>..... was so upset because the Asante people lost the  
<sup>5</sup>..... , that he cursed the gods and the gods took their <sup>6</sup>..... on you.”  
 “I heard you did it to <sup>7</sup>..... , so that you would have something to talk about on the  
 first day of <sup>8</sup>..... .”

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**21 Why is Yaw asking the children about his scar? Choose the best answer (a, b, or c).**

- a Because he wants them to stop laughing and pointing at him.
- b Because he wants them to know the truth.
- c Because he wants to teach them a lesson about history.

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**22 Complete the text from Chapter Twelve. Choose the correct words. There are two extra words.**

terribly    suffering    needle    ruining    heroin    drugs    breaking    addict

Sonny was a 45-year-old drug <sup>1</sup>..... . All he cared about was heroin, the drug Amani had introduced him to that night.

It was <sup>2</sup>..... his life, but he did not care. When he had taken it, he did not have to think about the <sup>3</sup>..... black people in America were going through, he did not have to think about how he could not do anything to help them. He did not have to think about anything.

Willie had stopped giving Sonny money, because she was afraid he would spend it on more <sup>4</sup>..... . Sonny knew she was right, so he started avoiding her. He knew becoming an addict was <sup>5</sup>..... her heart, but he could not stop himself from taking heroin. Instead of going to work, Sonny would walk around Harlem asking the other drug addicts he passed if he could have some of their <sup>6</sup>..... . Sometimes they said no, but sometimes people shared with him.

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**23 Circle the correct prepositions.**

- 1 There were plenty of black kids in her school, but Marjorie quickly realized that they were not the same kind **at** / **of** / **to** black as she was.
- 2 One day, when she was reading **by** / **for** / **with** herself, a white boy named Graham introduced himself to her.
- 3 “I like that book,” said Graham, pointing **at** / **over** / **up** the book Marjorie was reading.
- 4 Marjorie learned that Graham had moved to Alabama from Germany, and that his father was **at** / **of** / **in** the military.
- 5 Marjorie soon started to have feelings **at** / **for** / **from** Graham, but she was too afraid to ask if he felt the same way.
- 6 Marjorie thought **about** / **at** / **to** what her mother had told her and prayed that she would have the courage to tell Graham how she felt.

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**24 Complete Marjorie’s poem from Chapter Thirteen with the correct words.**

*Break the Castle*<sup>1</sup> .....,  
*find me, find you.*  
*We, two, felt sand, wind, air.*  
*One felt the*<sup>2</sup> ..... *. Whipped,*  
*once shipped.*  
*We, two,*<sup>3</sup> .....  
*Me and you.*  
*One*<sup>4</sup> ..... *from cocoa’s land, born from nut,*  
*skin uncut, still bleeding*  
*We, two, in the water.*  
*The waters seem*<sup>5</sup> .....  
*but are the same.*  
*The same. Sister skin.*  
*Who knew?* *Not me. Not*<sup>6</sup> .....

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**25 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.**

Marcus did not know what he wanted to study for his <sup>1</sup> ..... paper. Originally, he wanted to look into the system that had meant his great-grandfather H had to work as a <sup>2</sup> ..... in the mines for years. But the more he researched the topic, the more he realized there was so much to talk about. If he talked about H, then he had to talk about his grandmother Willie, and how she had left the South to come to Harlem. And if he talked about Willie, then he would have to talk about his father and his drug <sup>3</sup> ..... , too. It was all too much, and he did not know where to begin.

Marcus gave up studying for the day and went to meet his friend Diante. They were going to an <sup>4</sup> ..... dance party. When they arrived, Diante <sup>5</sup> ..... found a girl he thought was pretty, but it was her friend who <sup>6</sup> ..... Marcus's eye. Marcus and Diante approached the two girls and introduced <sup>7</sup> .....

The one that Diante liked had long curly hair. She smiled at them. "I'm Ki, and this is my friend, Marjorie."

Marcus smiled at Marjorie. She had a lovely face and around her neck she wore a beautiful black stone <sup>8</sup> .....

- SEARCH
- PRISON
- ADDICT
- CARIBBEAN
- IMMEDIATE
- CATCH
- SELF
- LACE

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**26 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c, or d) for each gap.**

Marcus and Marjorie took <sup>1</sup> ..... trip to Pratt City to help Marcus with his research project. They found an old, blind man who insisted that he knew Marcus's great-grandpa H when he was a little boy, but that was <sup>2</sup> ..... they could find out. Marcus was disappointed. He wanted to learn more about his family history. He felt proud learning about H and all he <sup>3</sup> ..... done, but it hurt him that he did not know who H's father was, or who H's grandfather was. What about their mothers? Marcus wanted to know it all, and he could not. America had <sup>4</sup> ..... all of that history from him.

Instead of telling Marjorie that, Marcus said, "Do you know <sup>5</sup> ..... I'm scared of the ocean?"

Marjorie shook her head.

"It's because of all the space. I have no idea where it begins and no idea where it ends."

Marjorie was quiet for a moment. "I bet you would like the beach at Cape Coast. It's beautiful there. Not like anything you <sup>6</sup> ..... see in America."

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| <b>1 a</b> a     | <b>b</b> any      | <b>c</b> many  | <b>d</b> some     |
| <b>2 a</b> all   | <b>b</b> complete | <b>c</b> ever  | <b>d</b> whole    |
| <b>3 a</b> did   | <b>b</b> has      | <b>c</b> had   | <b>d</b> was      |
| <b>4 a</b> steal | <b>b</b> stealing | <b>c</b> stole | <b>d</b> stolen   |
| <b>5 a</b> how   | <b>b</b> what     | <b>c</b> when  | <b>d</b> why      |
| <b>6 a</b> may   | <b>b</b> must     | <b>c</b> would | <b>d</b> wouldn't |

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**27 Complete the conditional sentences.**

- 1 And you're not a woman! If you were, you ..... (**marry**) Abeeku by now.
- 2 He understood how easily that could have been him if Ma Aku ..... (**not rescue**) him and taken him to freedom.
- 3 If Willie ..... (**can continue**) walking all the way back home to Pratt City, she probably would have.
- 4 If they ..... (**walk**) forever, Willie wondered if she might start to become happy, too.
- 5 If they walked far enough, maybe she ..... (**be able to**) forget about how she ended up in Harlem, far away from her home and family in Pratt City.

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**28 Rewrite the sentences. Choose the correct words to replace the underlined words. Use the correct tense.**

pull out      come back for      get out of      fall apart      take over      give it away

- 1 His world was getting out of control around him.  
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- 2 For years, the Asante King had refused to let the British take power over the Asante Kingdom.  
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- 3 "Those Europeans! When will they leave the Asante Kingdom? They can take their religion and give it to the Fantes. We don't want it!"  
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- 4 When he closed the door, he removed the small bag of drugs he always kept in his pocket.  
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- 5 Her father had told her to never take the necklace off or give it to somebody as a present.  
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- 6 "I'm leaving tomorrow, but I'll be back to get you, I promise."  
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**29 Circle the correct words.**

- 1 Sonny was a 45-year-old drug **addict** / **addiction**.
- 2 They had been walking for days, and her feet were bleeding and **bruise** / **bruised**.
- 3 “Did you know that our family line is **curse** / **cursed**?”
- 4 When Ness was a child, she was separated from her mother, Esi, and sold to another **slave** / **slavery** owner.
- 5 Cudjo became strong, and started getting good at **wrestle** / **wrestling**.
- 6 The **prison** / **prisoner** guards would whip him to death at the end of the day.

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**30 Complete these lists. Put the words from the box into the correct categories.**

mourner	baptized	wife	funeral	inherit	pregnant
killed	umbilical cord	born	husband	unmarried	wedding

- Birth:** .....  
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- Marriage:** .....  
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- Death:** .....  
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