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Use with the book:
Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza Rising: Chapters 13–14

1. What was Isabel praying so hard for at the beginning of chapter 13?
 - a. for Abuelita to be able to come to California
 - b. for Mama to get better
 - c. to be Queen of the May
 - d. for Miguel to get a better job



2. Why was Miguel so upset when he got home from working?
How did Esperanza react?



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3. What happened the morning after Esperanza and Miguel fought in the garden?
 - a. Miguel was gone.
 - b. Miguel was sick.
 - c. Esperanza found out Mama was coming home.
 - d. Isabel was chosen for Queen of the May.

4. Why did Esperanza give her porcelain doll to Isabel? Why is this gesture significant?
What does it show about Esperanza's change in character?

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5. What did the doctor tell Esperanza and Hortensia in chapter 13?
- a. Mama needed to rest and build up her strength, and she needed to stay in the hospital for another month.
 - b. Mama needed to rest and build up her strength, but she was well enough to leave the hospital.
 - c. Mama was depressed, and she was still too sick to leave the hospital.
 - d. Mama was ready to leave the hospital and return to working in the sheds right away.

6. Why was Esperanza angry with Miguel at the beginning of chapter 14?



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What does _____ mean to her?

- a. Papa's roses
 - b. the money orders he took
 - c. a new porcelain doll
 - d. Abuelita
8. Recount Mama's and Abuelita's reunion using specific details from the text.

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9. In response to seeing Mama's and Abuelita's reunion, Isabel says, *"I think my heart is dancing."* Which type of figurative language is this?
- a. allusion
 - b. hyperbole
 - c. personification
 - d. simile
10. Explain how the author used the idea of "the blanket" to recount Abuelita's journey.



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12. What was the last event that happened in the book?
- a. Esperanza returned to El Rancho de las Rosas.
 - b. Esperanza and Mama reunited with Abuelita.
 - c. Esperanza showed Miguel how he can "feel the earth's heart beating."
 - d. Esperanza celebrated her birthday with everyone who had supported her during the past year.

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d. Isabel was chosen to be Queen of the May

4. Why did Esperanza give her porcelain doll to Isabel? Why is this gesture significant? What does it show about Esperanza's change in character?

Answers will vary. An example is: She gave Isabel the doll because she felt bad that Isabel didn't win Queen of the May. Esperanza tells Isabel she wants her to have something that will last more than a day. The gesture shows that Esperanza has changed and cares more about others now than herself.

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6. Why was Esperanza angry with Miguel at the beginning of chapter 14?

She was angry because Miguel took the money orders she had.



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a. Papa took the money orders.

b. the money orders he took

c. a new porch for the house

d. Abuelita

8. Recount Mama's and Abuelita's reaction to the news from the text.

Answers will vary. An example is: At first, Mama thought it was Esperanza, but when she

realized it was Abuelita, "she lifted her hand and reached out to touch her mother's face."

They both started crying and speaking to each other in a way no one else could

understand.

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10. Explain how the author used the idiom "going down" to describe Abuelita's journey.

Answers will vary, but should discuss how the author used the idiom "going down" to describe a challenge or a positive event. The author describes the journey as "going down" because she is going down to the bottom of the valley or up to the top of a mountain.



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but by the number of vegetables they harvested. This relates to the chapter titles because each chapter has a different fruit or vegetable.

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