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1. Why do Esperanza and Mama need to share a cabin with Miguel and Hortensia?

- a. They don't have enough money for their own cabin.
- b. The camp only gives a cabin to families with a man as the head of the household.
- c. The cabins are big enough for two families to share.
- d. The cabins are only for workers, and Mama can't work.



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How does she do her hair, and why is this significant?

4. What happens when Esperanza tries to sweep the platform?

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5. What is the surprise that Alfonso and Miguel have for Esperanza and Mama at the beginning of chapter 8?
- a. They taught Esperanza to sweep.
 - b. They built a small vegetable garden behind the cabin.
 - c. They found a larger cabin for Mama and Esperanza to live in.
 - d. They brought cuttings from Papa's rose plants and planted them behind the cabin.
6. In chapter 8, Marta and her friends are speaking to the crowd about what?
- a. starting a strike for higher wages and better housing
 - b. starting a strike for less work hours and weekends off



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What is Marta comparing?

- a. farmers and working conditions
 - b. kittens and farmers
 - c. chickens and farmers
 - d. bosses and workers
8. What are some reasons that some workers **do not** want to strike?



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9. Explain what happened on Esperanza's first day of taking care of the twins by herself.

10. What natural weather event occurred in chapter 9? Explain what it is.



- b. The buses couldn't get to the workers, so they got stuck in the fields.
c. The workers rode the buses back to camp before the storm began.
d. The workers moved to a different field where the dust storm was not as severe.

12. What happens to Mama at the end of chapter 9? What caused it?

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support their families. They came to America to work and become citizens.

They don't want to get involved with a strike because they can't afford to lose their jobs.

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Esperanza fed the twins plums, which made them sick. Then, she burned the beans.

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