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The Breadwinner

Chapter One

Vocabulary: These words are important in Chapter One. Define them before reading the chapter. The number following the word is the page on which the word is found.

1. **Kabul**, p. 7:

2. **chador**, p. 7:

3. **decreed**, p. 16:

4. **burqas**, p. 17

In most books, the first chapter introduces important facts and information needed for the story to turn out the way it does. The background facts and information is called the **EXPOSITION**.

1. Identify (tell who they are) and briefly describe the following characters you met in the first chapter.

Parvana:

4. What changes did Parvana, Nooria, Maryam and Parvana's mother and father undergo after the Taliban came to power?

5. Why does Parvana's father sell his artificial leg? Do you agree or disagree with his explanation? Explain your viewpoint.

6. "Afghans cover the earth like stars cover the sky." What does this quote on page 9 imply about the conditions in Afghanistan? Why are people so scattered?

7. War can affect a person's style of living. How did warfare change Parvana's family?

Her father:

Nooria:

Maryam:

Ali:

The Taliban:

2. Why does Parvana accompany her father to his job? What is his job? Why is she allowed to go with him?

3. What are Dari and Pashtu? What are some supporting facts that show Parvana's parents were well-educated?
