



Welcome to the Book Club challenge for the title "When You Trap a Tiger" written by Tae Keller! This challenge will take you through a series of modules, in the form of Activity Badges in Beanstack, to enhance your understanding of key concepts in the book. You will analyze imagery, character development and overall themes throughout the story. You will also be introduced to the Cerritos Library's Reference Subscription Databases, such as **Britannica School** and **EBSCOhost**, learning research skills to further your understanding of this tale.



Chapter 1-8, Activity Lessons

Chapters 1-8 introduce the setting of the story and the characters. The characters include Lily, Sam, Joan, Halmoni and the Tiger. Once you click on Activity Badge #1, you will find a list of questions. Please read the instructions for each activity carefully. Be sure to click the gray box to the left of the activity description after completing the challenge.

- Character Map (For Lily, Sam and Joan)
- Setting Map
- Symbol Map
- What do you think Lily means when she begins the book by saying, "I can turn invisible."
- Who is Halmoni?
- Where was Halmoni when Sam and Lily arrived with their mother to her apartment?
- **Symbol:** A mark or character used to represent an object, function or process. For example, a "heart" is a symbol for love, compassion and health. In your opinion, briefly explain what is meant when Lily describes leaving "lake-sized puddles" on Halmoni's wood floor?





Character Map – Activity Lesson #1, Bullet Point #1. (Chapter 1-8)

Adjectives are words that describe a noun or a pronoun. Using the boxes below, list several adjectives that describe what we know about Lily, Sam and Joan.

Lily	Sam	Joan (Lily and Sam's Mother)

In three sentences, describe how Lily and Sam's relationship with their mother is different:

As Lily narrates the story, you'll notice certain phrases are written in *italics*. Why do you think the author, Tae Keller, uses this format?



How do you explain Lily and Sam's relationship? Why does Sam call Lily a QAG?

Briefly describe Lily's first encounter with the "Tiger."

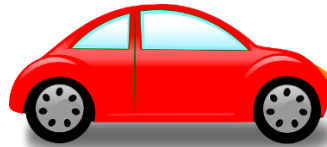


Setting Map – Activity Lesson #1, Bullet Point #5. (Chapter 1-8)

Where does the story begin?

Where are Lily, Sam and their mother going?

Describe the weather in the beginning:



The family is moving from which U.S. state?



To which U.S. state?

How does Joan get inside of Halmoni's house?

Where was Halmoni when Lily, Sam and Joan arrived at her apartment?



Symbol Map – Activity Lesson #1, Bullet Point #7



In your opinion, what is the significance of the Tiger in the story that Halmoni tells Lily in Chapter 5? Why does she tell this story year after year?

In Chapter 6, Halmoni tells Lily that the “basement had flooded.” When Lily kneels to put her hand against the floor she states that the floor is “bone dry.” Why do you think Halmoni would say the floor is flooded when it is not?

What is symbolic between the dry indoors and wet outdoors? How does the difference between “dry” and “wet” compare to the character traits we have been introduced to so far?



Chapter 9-16, Activity Lessons

Now that we have been introduced to Halmoni and the folktales she tell Lily, we will look into the history behind Korean Folktales. We will explore the idea behind the "Tiger" and its symbolic representation in the story. Also, we will use the Cerritos Library's Research Databases to find historical connections to Halmoni's' stories.

- Character Map (For Joe, Jensen and Ricky)
- Think of a special person in your life who told you stories that hold a special place in your heart. This person could be a family member, close friend, or teacher. Write the name of this person and their relation to you in the box below.
- For the next exercise, we will be using the Library's "Britannica School" database. Begin by visiting cerritoslibrary.us (link in Beanstack). Click the "Research Databases" tab near the top of the screen. Next, locate and click the link for Britannica School. Select the "Middle" option in the middle of the screen. Locate the magnifying glass on the top right and search for **Korean Literature**. Please read the article "Korean Literature" by Anne Neigoff.
- In Chapter 12, who says, "I see you, and I see who you could be? Who does this character say it to and why does this character say this?"
- In Chapter 14, what does the Tiger ask from Lily?
- What is the symbolism behind the Pearl Necklace and Mugworth that Halmoni gives to Lily in Chapter 12?
- **TONE:** The general character or attitude of a place, piece of writing or situation. In one sentence, describe the Tiger's tone when speaking with Lily.
- After Lily's mom admits to Halmoni's illness in Chapter 15, Lily describes the weather as "Happy sunlight spills through the windows, like the weather is mocking me." What do you think she means by this? Please explain in two sentences.



Character Map – Activity Lesson #2, Bullet Point #7. (Chapter 9-16)

Joe	Where is Lily when she meets Joe? Three adjectives to describe Joe: What is his profession?
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Jensen	What does Jensen do for work? Three adjectives to describe Jensen: How do you explain Jensen's interaction with Joe?
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Ricky	What does Lily think Ricky is when she first approaches him at the end of Chapter 10? Three Adjectives to describe Ricky: Three adjectives comparing Ricky and Lily's personality traits: In what setting does Lily meet Ricky's father?
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Chapter 17-24, Activity Lessons

The following activities will cover the readings for Chapter 17-24. As you read, continue to take note of Lily's character traits as she chases the tiger.

- Lily and Ricky's Friendship Development, Question Form
- On Page 118, we begin to notice a character shift in Sam. In the text box below, write three words that describe her personality here.
- In chapter 18, what is the superhero name that Ricky gives himself, and what comparison does he make with superhero capes and hats?
- Sam tells a version of the tiger story to Lily on Page 142. Why do you think she tells Lily this version of the story?
- In Chapter 20, Lily states, "With my new hair and Halmoni's pendant around my neck, I look like a princess. Or more—a warrior princess." How is her character perceived here compared to the beginning of the story when she says, "I can turn invisible?"
- After the first jar of stars are released to the tiger, what does the tiger say the tiger girl will need to give up to protect her baby in the story she tells to Lily?
- What did Halmoni give to Lily and Sam's father that she says kept him grounded?





Lily and Ricky's Friendship Development – Activity Lesson #3, Bullet Point #3. (Chapter 17-24)

1. How does Lily describe Ricky's "Tiger" outfit?
2. How does Ricky explain the word "Bait" versus Lily's perception of the word? Why do they see the word differently?
3. Why does Ricky like to fill silence with conversation? How does Lily perceive silence with Ricky?
4. How is Lily perceived when explaining to Ricky, in detail, the importance of moving the boxes from the basement? Do you see character growth in Lily? How so?
5. In Chapter 19, Lily says about Ricky, "It feels like, maybe, he could be a real friend—one who sticks." What do you think she means by "one who sticks?" Is there a reason why she says this?



Chapter 25-32, Activity Lessons

Activity 4 will continue exploring Lily's journey to heal Halmoni. Will the deal with the Tiger make a difference in her health? Activity 4 covers chapters 25-32.

- What does Ricky's family own according to Lily's mom? Why is Lily going to Ricky's house to hang out? How is Ricky's house described by Lily?
- Why do you think Lily told Ricky, "You should study harder for the language arts test?" Was her comment mean-spirited?
- Review from Chapter 5: In the tiger story told by Halmoni, little sister Eggi takes the stairs and big sister Unya grabs the rope to protect themselves from the tiger. In Chapter 27, Sam sneaks out of the house by sliding down a rope outside of her bedroom window and Lily is about to take the stairs down to the basement to give the tiger the rice cakes she requested. What is the significance of the "rope" and "stairs" in both Halmoni's story with Lily and Sam's current situation? Please give your opinion in no more than three sentences.
- As Lily carefully tries to put away the "star jar" in Chapter 28, she wakes her mother. Lily is surprised that her mom does not immediately notice the jar that she is holding. Why do you think her mother might have avoided the jar?
- What do you think Joe means when he says, "See, stories are like...Water. Like rain. We can hold them tight, but they always slip through our fingers." Do you think the consistent rainy weather plays a part in this? (Chapter 30).
- What is the significance behind Lily's pendant and Sam's black hair with a white streak mentioned in Chapter 29?
- In Chapter 31, how, in your opinion, does Lily begin to show qualities similar to a tiger?
- In Chapters 31 and 32, how is Lily's deal with the tiger to help her Halmoni effecting Lily's personality? Give two examples.





Chapter 33-40, Activity Lessons

Activity 5 will cover chapters 33-40. During Lily's last exchange with the tiger, she demanded that she leave her alone. The tiger responded, "As you wish." Do you think the tiger will return? As you read, reflect on Lily's heroism. Is she a hero, or is this all in her head?

- "The two sisters loved each other, more than anything. More than rice cakes. More than the earth. More than the stars." In Chapter 33, as Lily gives Sam the silent treatment, why do you think this quote from Halmoni's story pops into Lily's mind? How is the relationship between the two sisters perceived here?
- Why does Lily accept Ricky's apology in Chapter 34? Ricky says, "You don't have to say sorry. Everyone says sorry, but that doesn't help, because it's not their fault and they can't fix it." What do you think he means by this, and why was Lily sorry? (Besides the mud in his pudding.)
- What message do you think Ricky is making by comparing superheroes to "the meaning of life?"
- In Chapter 35, what do you think is the reason for Halmoni and Lily's conversation in the bathroom? What message is Halmoni sending by saying, "Sometimes you have to leave you little ones, even though you don't want to."?
- What is the symbolism behind the shattering jars in Chapter 36?
- As we see Halmoni's health worsen, why do you think the deal Lily made with the tiger did not help strengthen her? How do we see Sam and Lily's relationship perceived in Chapter 38?
- List three adjectives to describe Sam's character in Chapter 39. Think about her emotional conversation with Lily when she talks about their father.
- Where is Lily when she meets with the tiger in Chapter 40? How does the tiger help Lily and Sam?





Chapter 41-46, Activity Lessons

Activity 6 will cover chapters 41-46, the end of the story. Think about life lessons addressed as you read the final chapters.

- Why does Lily believe that the tiger might be in the library?
- In Chapter 41, what do you believe the tiger meant by the powerful message, "Lily, I told you I would heal my Ae-Cha, but healing is not always about curing illness. Often, it is about understanding."
- How does the tiger's definition of "understanding" reflect the passing of Halmoni? In your view, did Halmoni get the help promised by the tiger? Why or why not?
- In Chapter 46, why does Lily say to Sam, "it feels wrong, to be happy right now."?
- The novel begins with Lily stating, "I can turn invisible." The book ends with her explaining, "I am a girl who sees invisible things, but I am not invisible." In two sentences, explain what you think she has learned?
- Now that you finished reading the novel, we will use the EBSCOhost research database to find an interview with the author, Tae Keller. Begin by visiting cerritoslibrary.us (link in Beanstack). Click the "Research Databases" tab near the top of the screen. Next, locate and click the link for EBSCOhost, MasterFILE Premier. Select the option for "All EBSCO Databases." Next, in the keyword box, type "When You Trap a Tiger" and click search. Locate the article titled "Five Questions for Tae Keller," which should be option number 4.

