

Families of the World: China

A) Nine-year-old **Zhu Kun's** mother and father grow bonsai in the mountains around their village near the port city of Ningbo. We follow Kun as he walks to his school, watch the cook steam lunches the students have brought from home, and see how Kun's father trains bonsai plants. B) Nine-year-old **Yu Qinbo** and her family live in Ningbo. We see Qinbo's father prepare breakfast, follow her mother to work on a motor bike, and go to school with Qinbo on a public bus. We visit the parents' work sites and go to the students' after-school activities.



Vocabulary

1. scoop (v)
2. wilt (v)
3. ferment (v)
4. Mandarin (n)
5. nationalities (n)
6. miniature (adj)
7. full-grown (adj)
8. wire (n)
9. shoots (n)
10. peel (v)
11. wok (n)
12. Tai Chi
13. chilly (adj)
14. silkworm (n)
15. manufacturing (n)
16. trading (v)
17. salute (v)
18. health care (n)
19. forbidden (adj)
20. socialism (n)

Part 1: While Watching**A) Zhu Kun**

1. T or F? It's okay to make noise when eating.
2. How long does it take him to walk to school?
3. What does Zhu Kun see people doing as he walks to school?
4. How many times a year do the farmers pick tea?
5. The farmers carry the leaves back to the village before they wilt.
 - a. Then, what do they then do to the leaves for green tea?
 - b. What do they do to the leaves for black tea?
6. What is the first thing he and other children do when they arrive at school?
7. What do the children do in the classroom before the teacher arrives?
8. T or F? Many languages are spoken in China.
9. What is the official language?
10. How many nationalities (different ethnic groups) does China have?
11. What is his family's business? (What do they grow?)
12. What is a bonsai tree supposed to remind you of?
13. T or F? At dinner, people don't have their own individual plates.
14. What does Zhu Kun's mother do for him before he goes to bed?

B) Yu Qinbo

1. What do people do in the park in the morning?
2. How many people live in her city?
3. T or F? People have grown silkworms for thousands of years in China.
4. T or F? China is one of the largest manufacturing and trading countries in the world.
5. What do the students do as they enter the school courtyard?



