

Discussion Guide #1: Recalling Basic Details

1. How does Ricky meet Tako?
2. Ricky's parents explain that Tako can stay with them as long as he follows at least one rule and is "good." What is that rule?
3. Why would Ricky's parents pick this rule as the most important?
4. What kind of business does Ricky's family have? Name 1-2 of the specific items they sell.
5. What is the main difference between Mr. Pritchard's bakery and the Lee family's bakery?
6. How does Mr. Pritchard convince the Lee family that he is a "good" man?
7. What kinds of things does Mr. Pritchard do to the Lee family's business? Try to sequence the creatures he delivers (bugs, snails, worms, wasps).
8. What makes Tako break the main rule?
9. If Tako could speak, what do you think he would say about his behavior?
10. How does Ricky feel when Tako goes to the pound? What does Mr. Pritchard do while Tako is at the pound?
11. How does Tako warn and help the Lee family at the end of the story?
12. What do the neighbors do at the end of the story?

