

Review Test for L/S 3: Interview with Yina Liang

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Section I. -- Summarizing Main Ideas

Name _____

Choose the best response to complete the following statements summarizing the **main ideas** from the interview:

1. Yina thinks it's very hard to be a teenager because
 - a) she has to learn how to drive and earn her parents' trust.
 - b) she has to make a lot of choices and decisions for her future.
 - c) she has to do a lot of homework and work hard at school.
2. Sometimes Yina wants to be a "nobody" like in Emily Dickinson's poem
 - a) because she feels everyone in her life expects a lot of her.
 - b) because of peer pressure from her friends.
 - c) because her mother wants her to be the perfect daughter and be a lawyer or a doctor.

Section II. Listening for Details.

Write (T) true or (F) false in front of each sentence. Remember to respond to these questions based only on the information supplied by the interview!

1. _____ Yina is 18 years old and a senior in high school.
2. _____ She was born in Philadelphia, PA - USA.
3. _____ She is not a good student, though she studies hard.
4. _____ Yina doesn't want to be a "nobody" all the time.
5. _____ Yina doesn't have time for after school activities.
6. _____ Yina moved to the US from China when she was 9 years old.

III. In your own words:

Answer the following questions as best as you can.

1. Yina says people expect her to be "perfect", who and how? Write a few of the examples she mentioned:
A _____.
2. Do you think it's true that people really expect her to be "perfect"? Or is this only the way she sees it? Write your opinion here:
B _____.
3. Write three details you learned about Yina that have not already been mentioned in this test:
A _____.
B _____.
C. _____.
4. Yina uses the expression, "You have to walk and chew gum at the same time," to describe being a teenager. What do you think this expression means?

Answers to test:

#1 b

#2 a

Section II:

1. F
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. T

Section III:

1. perfect student – get good grades, perfect daughter obeying parents, perfect sister helping her sister, perfect American girl and perfect Chinese girl.
2. Only the way she sees it.
3. a: Yina is in the Art club, drama club, French club, chess club, Science Club, natl honor society.
b: loves to paint and is working on a comic book
c: plays 3 instruments: violin, viola and keyboard
4. To do so many things at the same time.